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Chinese Envoy's Fighting Speech

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—"Let no-one make the mistake that Japan's programme has been in any way abandoned," declared Dr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador in London, speaking at the Fabian Society luncheon to-day.

"Japan is only waiting for a favourable moment to take the plunge in the hope of sharing the spoils with her Nazi partners, but I can assure you that China will not listen to any specious peace proposals designed only to extricate Japan for further aggressions."

The Chinese Ambassador also declared: "China remains unconquered and more than ever unquarrelable. We have been a bit tougher and even more resilient than the world expected. China is blessed with a brilliant leader. We have our Chiang Kai-shek as you have your Winston Churchill and Americans have their Franklin Roosevelt."

"China has more than doubled her military strength since the war against Japan began. We are self-sufficient in all arms except planes and heavy guns which have to be imported and are essential to a general counter-offensive which may come sooner than might be expected."

China Has Borne The Brunt
"China has really borne the brunt of mechanized aggression. She has led the van in armed resistance to a noxious doctrine that could not be checked by reasoning. From the beginning we felt that we were fighting for others as well as for ourselves."

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Control Of Food From Gt Britain

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—From April 3 practically all foodstuffs will be subject to export licensing control to all destinations.

The chief exceptions will be wines, spirits, pickles, sauces and condiments. New additions to the control list are made in a Board of Trade order to-day.

Concessions under which, with some exceptions, foodstuffs subject to export licence to the Crown Colonies and protectorates provided that an import licence has been obtained in the territory concerned, remain in force.

ST LAWRENCE PROJECT

A New Agreement

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—A new agreement between the United States and Canada to begin work now on the big St Lawrence navigation and power project is announced in Washington and Ottawa to-day.

It will be presented to Congress and the Canadian Parliament simultaneously on Friday.

The immediate objectives are to increase the production of the International Rapids section of the river and provide an outlet for ship-building facilities in the Great Lakes area.

Piecemeal Reduction Of Keren Proceeds

CAIRO, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Further important positions south of Keren have been captured and Italian counter-attacks have again been repulsed with serious Italian losses, says a communiqué.

The situation is developing favourably. Pressure by patriot forces is developing against Debra Marcos in Abyssinia. Announcing the occupation of Jijiga, the report adds: "In other sectors, our general advance is proceeding."

AMERICA TO SUPPLY BRITAIN WITH SMALL NAVAL CRAFT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, said to-day that the initial help to Britain will be directed at supplying them with small fast craft capable of Channel work.

He revealed that Britain had requested under the Lend and Lease Bill to repair some British naval craft in United States shipyards. He indicated that destroyers were not included in the initial plans and that no vessels of any kind have yet been transferred.

Planes For The Defence Of China

Forty From America

SHANGHAI, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Forty American planes have arrived in China from the United States, according to a Chinese press report.

The consignment is stated to be part of the 100 aircraft for which the Chinese Government asked the United States.

In addition, the United States is reported to have agreed to sell four Flying Fortresses to China and the Chungking Government hopes to reorganise its air force with American aid.

It is reported here that over 300 Japanese troops were killed at Wu-ching in Hunan Province when Japanese planes mistakenly bombed their own troops.

Commons Gets Rare Laugh

From Railway Coaches

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Members of Parliament who were recently irritated by a notice in the railway carriages of otherwise crowded trains reading "Not for public use" ventilated their sense of grievance in the House of Commons this afternoon but their resentment dissolved into roars of laughter following the explanation of the Transport Minister, Colonel J. Moore-Brabazon.

Being pressed to state what the special reasons for these reservations were, the Minister said: "The list is a rather curious one. It includes broken windows, infectious diseases and corpses."

The House tittered. "It also includes lunatics and high Service officials."

The House laughed and the Minister concluded: "And finally, it includes convicts and Cabinet Ministers."

The House roared and continued in open hilarity when Labour members asked how the railway officials managed to distinguish between all these categories!

Yugo-Slavia And Germany

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUDAPEST, Mar. 19 (UP).—German information from Belgrade says that Yugo-Slavia and Germany have reached an agreement on all points, and that Yugo-Slavia will sign the tri-Power agreement March 26, coinciding with Mr. Matsukawa's visit to Berlin.

Want Use Of Navy Yards

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Britain has asked for the use of United States navy yards. This information was given to-day by the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, in a statement to the press.

The United States Navy had some facilities which the British might use, he added, but no action had yet been taken in connection with the request which was made during the past three or four days.

Colonel Knox declined to elaborate the statement beyond the fact that the request had been made.

Colonel Knox also announced that the United States Navy's first aid to Britain would be to supply light vessels such as submarine chasers, motor torpedo boats and other vessels of "mosquito" type.

Mediation Board

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day named the new eleven-men Mediation Board which will appoint a Chairman from the three members representing the public. Four will represent labour, and four will represent management. Members for the public are: Clarence A. Dykstra, William H. Davis, and Frank P. Graham, President of the University of North Carolina.

For the employees: George Many, General Secretary of the American Federation of Labour, George Garrison, Philip Murray and Thomas Kennedy.

For the employers: Walter C. Teague, Roger D. Lamham, Eugene TURN TO BACK PAGE, COLUMN 3

TURKS STAND TO ARMS

Martial Law Vote

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The decree concerning martial law in Turkey was unanimously prolonged for a further three months at a meeting of the Turkish Grand National Assembly to-day, states the Ankara radio.

Meeting In Cyprus

CAIRO, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—"Highly satisfactory" both sides" is the description applied in authoritative British quarters here to-night to the meeting between the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Shokru Sarajoglu, in Cyprus yesterday.

In the fortnight since their previous meeting in Ankara, much has happened. It is therefore natural that the Ministers should meet to discuss the progress made.

Cyprus pays a warm welcome to the distinguished visitors in which the Greek, British and Turkish communities have enthusiastically joined.

Balkan Situation

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—At Tuesday's meeting in Cyprus between Mr. Eden and M. Sarajoglu every aspect of the international situation was examined with special attention to the Balkan situation.

A communiqué stated that there was "complete agreement between the two governments in their policy in regard to all these problems."

Encouragement

ATHENS, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—"We shall have a common victory. Meanwhile we are rejoicing at your victories as if they were our own," declared the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Shokru Sarajoglu, to a special correspondent of the Athens newspaper, "Ethnos," in Ankara.

M. Sarajoglu added: "The Greek deeds are magnificent and provide a glorious page in the history of humanity. I am optimistic as regards the future and am convinced that the results will be good."

"We shall probably have to go through a few trials, but this matters little to our people."



R.A.F. Carry Out Devastating Raids On German Sea Ports

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 19 (UP).—The Air Ministry announces that Kiel, Wilhelmshaven and Rotterdam were heavily attacked last night in face of a fierce barrage. "Great loads of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on the docks and shipbuilding yards and industrial centres, and the fires got a firm hold," the statement added.

Berlin Admits Raids

BERLIN, Mar. 19 (UP).—The official news agency reports from Amsterdam say that last night the R.A.F. dropped bombs on several towns in the Netherlands, the majority falling in open country. Houses and private dwellings were damaged, six civilians killed and 13 seriously wounded.

The same agency reports that long distance German bombers attacked a convoy in the Atlantic west of Ireland this forenoon. The convoy consisted of 35 armed merchantmen and six destroyers. Despite strong anti-aircraft fire, the bomber sank a merchantman of from 5,000 to 8,000 tons and damaged another.

Carol Sends For Luggage

MADRID, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Luggage and four dogs belonging to ex-King Carol and Madame Lupescu which they left behind at Seville when they escaped to Portugal, are being collected by the Portuguese Count de Mofra who has arrived at Seville from Lisbon.

The Count is also settling Carol's outstanding accounts. He first had an interview with the Chief of the Seville Police.

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

They Are Beating The Luftwaffe

To paraphrase Mr. Churchill's famous words, here are some of few to whom so many owe so much. They are cheery, debonair fighter plane pilots who go up in the day and at night to beat off the Nazi Luftwaffe. Their courage is high, their skill unequalled. Such men saved Britain last September and are now assuredly driving the Germans out of the skies.

INVASION ATTEMPT IN MAY?

Japanese Officer's Prediction

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 20 (Domel).—Germany will attempt a land invasion of the British Isles some time in May, Major-General Seifuku Okamura, Military Attaché to the Japanese Embassy in Berlin, who arrived here on Wednesday afternoon, declared in a Press interview.

"During the past year, Germany has been preparing all its resources for the sole purpose of invading the British Isles and it is only a matter of time now for Germany really to attempt a full dress offensive," Major-General Okamura said.

"The German people are determined to establish a new order in the world and believe that their Ally Japan is in the same boat aiming at achieving a similar purpose," added Major-General Okamura.

ALBANIA

Italians Again Heavily Repulsed

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The Greek reply to local attacks by Italian troops on the Albanian front yesterday was quick and drastic. The attacking detachments were all driven back and sustained heavy losses.

This claim was made in a Greek Press Ministry statement broadcast from the Athens radio to-night. It was stated that the attacks were preceded in each case by a fairly heavy artillery barrage.

Company Wiped Out

ATHENS, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The Italian offensive action in the central sector of the Albanian front, supported by tanks, and another minor action in the northern sector have been repulsed. Prisoners were taken and three tanks destroyed.

To-night's Greek High Command communiqué states that a company of attacking Italian forces was cut off and trapped in the covering fire of Greek automatic weapons and artillery, was completely wiped out. As a result of successful operations, the Greeks captured a number of prisoners in the Aco Valley.

All is quiet in the interior of the country.

FINANCING FREE FRENCH

—British Credits

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The British Government has formally agreed to provide credits for financing the Free French war effort.

This is one of two agreements just reached between the British Government and General de Gaulle.

The second agreement deals with foreign exchange questions between the British Empire and the Free French Empire. It re-establishes the pre-armistice parity between the pound and the franc at 176.625.

Colonial Arrangement

Each colony can freely dispose of foreign exchange, the proceeds of exports and gold production, under

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British Blockade Is Humane Warfare

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The biggest humanitarian problem in the war, preventing the decimation of the young men of Britain and America, "was how Professor Noel Hall described his mission to Washington as representative of the Ministry of Economic Warfare (of which he is Joint Director).

He declared, "Europe cannot continue to exist as an economic unit without the use of waterways in the surrounding oceans. If we can get American co-operation to maintain the pressure of the blockade it will save millions of British, American and European lives."

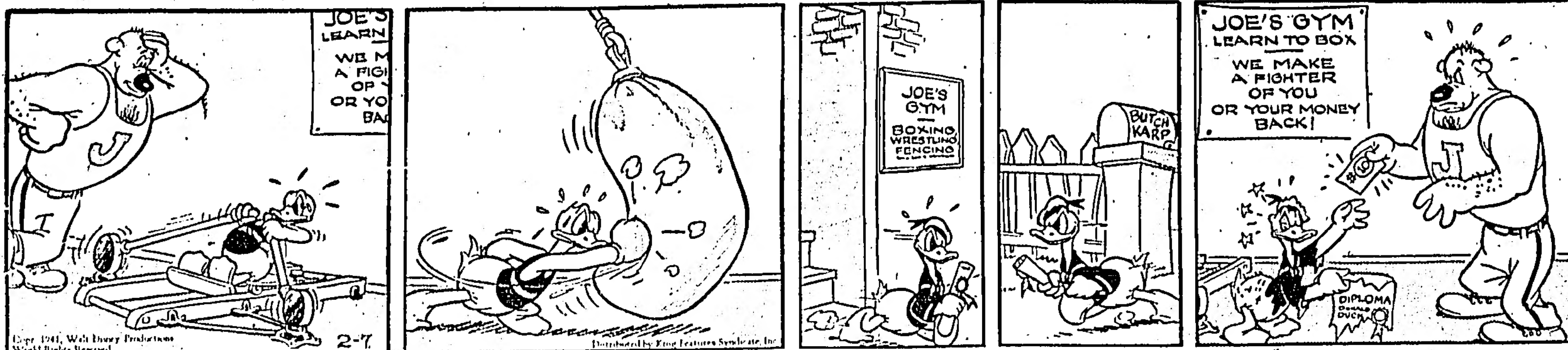
"The neurosis which has troubled Europe since the last Great War was largely due to the selective slaughter of young men. The blockade is really humanitarian."

"We prefer neutral nations to co-operate with our policy instead of having to detain ships for examination."

Mr. Hall described the position of the Vichy Government as "a potential Ally under very great pressure from an unscrupulous enemy."

The discussions regarding the admission of supplies from America were proceeding with the United States Government which had diplomatic representatives in France and was therefore in a better position to judge the situation than Britain.

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"For my part, the 'Sari' belongs in the engineers—the way he's always makin' mountains outa molehills!"

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- One who provides food or entertainment
- One, cubic meter
- Conduct affairs of
- End in front of
- Musket of excellence
- Feeble-minded
- Make mistake
- Small hallway
- Headgear
- Part of extra
- Plural suffix
- Unit of origin
- Full sale (abbr.)
- Fishy word
- Exclamation of hearty
- Naked
- Steel vessel
- Cozy place of abode
- In superiority to
- Inspire with fear
- Violent exclamation
- Restless substances used in varnishes
- Isable
- Holding device
- Afflict with vexation
- Something giving unusual pleasure
- For shame!
- Fitted instrument
- Compound found in gum

DOWN

- Strives on equal terms
- Answer
- Earth
- Historical reckoning of years
- Place who act with violence
- Referring to English public
- Violent separation
- Isle
- Threatened by exposure to sun
- Concise summary
- Field
- Fundamental idea
- Reverend
- Referring to brain cavity (Latin)
- Referring to New England
- West-Indian indigo plant
- Holivian dollar
- Grated
- Considers
- Count
- Musical interval
- In flames
- Underground worker
- Equals before the law
- Russian news agency
- Individual name (noun)
- Permit
- Waser

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Chapter One

I dreamt I went to Manderley again, last night. I dreamt of Manderley, and saw the house once again in its great beauty—a thing of grace, exquisite and faultless. Its clean, grey stone mellowed by centuries, it looked down upon the bright gardens and trim velvet lawns which swept in terrace after terrace to the sea. Framed by the smooth grassland and magnificent trees, it surveyed the rich land which had been its own since Elizabeth reigned.

We can never go back there again. The past is still too close to us. But sometimes in my dreams I do go back to Manderley, and to the strange days of my life which began, for me, on the top of a cliff, in the south of France.

How different we are now, and how much time has passed since then! It is as though each of us can come to peace only after having endured the trial of fire and of our own particular devils, as we have. It is as though only in peace does each moment live its full, long life. He sits before me now, and his steady, well-shaped hands are peeling a tangerine in quiet, methodical fashion, and I remember him on the cliff's crest, in France. I knew then, that first moment, that he was in agony, was about to leave.

I saw him, from behind, and screamed; screamed lightly, to be able to at all, the moment seemed so desperate. He wheeled, and came away from the crest of the cliff.

Even then, in the light of day, his face was full of darkness and pain. There was light grey in his hair, giving his handsome face a lightness that must have been missing when he was young. He spoke gruffly to me, and I hastened away down the road to the hotel. A minute later he was driving up alongside, offering me a lift, which I refused. He drove away.

When I returned to the hotel (the Hotel de Paris, as I recall), I found Mrs Van Hopper in a particularly ugly mood and most bitter over the lack of well-known personalities at Monte Carlo. I was in the employ of Mrs Van Hopper, as a companion, and I suppose I endured her sloppiness and repulsive snobbery quite well. Not only was she my employer, but I was slight and very shy; she had few restraints before me.

After dinner, as we sat in the lobby, we saw him. I was terrified to see that Mrs Van Hopper knew him; with some effort, she mobilised herself for a gushing welcome. As he made his way across the room, he looked right through me. "Why, it's Max de Winter," she whispered, and immediately poured forth: "Mr de Winter! How do you do?" He seemed quite willing to avoid her, or us, but failed before her jabby rush of talk. He was harpooned,

and also, apparently, somewhat piqued; to be rid of her, he made several incredibly insulting remarks, which she well deserved but of course did not notice. When he had left she told me that his place, Manderley, "couldn't be beat for beauty" and that she had heard he couldn't get over the death of his wife, who had drowned while sailing. The next morning, she came down with influenza.

The days that came, quickly, after Mrs Van Hopper was taken ill, are to this day strangely without number. I can only remember how much I enjoyed them, and how much I came to life with them.

I can remember that first morning, breakfasting without her, and suddenly with him when he commanded me to join him. Then, the long rides to the shore and to the cliffs, and the excuse of tennis lessons to Mrs Van Hopper, and how he spoke of Manderley, with a great and lonely love. On Mrs Van Hopper's last bed-ridden day, which was



Joan Fontaine and Laurence Olivier in the leading roles.

my own last day of freedom, we drove for hours.

We spoke sparsely, half-gay and half-depressed, until he asked to know what I was thinking.

"I'm thinking that you know everything there is to know about me," I said, "but that I know nothing more about you than I did the first day we met."

"And what was that?"

"That you own Manderley and that you had lost your wife."

The car's speed increased. He said nothing, somehow tensely.

"I wish I were a woman of thirty-six, dressed in black satin, with a string of pearls!" I blurted.

"You wouldn't be here with me if you were." Then, to answer my empty, hungry look, he went on: "I asked you to come with me because I wanted your company. You've blotted out the past for me far more than all the bright lights of Monte Carlo. But if you think I'm just being charitable or kind, leave the car now and find your own way home! Go on, open the door!" I repeat what I said: either you go to America with

and get out!" This was more than I could understand, and the tears came quickly. He gave me his handkerchief.

"And don't call me Mr de Winter," he stormed on, half laughingly. "It makes me feel more aged than I am. I have several first names—George Fortescue Maximilian. You don't have to bother with all of them. My family calls me Maxim. I looked up at him, and was swept into his arms, to his kiss.

Mrs Van Hopper very suddenly decided to leave for New York. We were to sail immediately. In the rush of preparations and packing, I tried frantically to reach Maxim on the telephone. Failing, I left everything and went to his room, and found him just out of the bath. I told him I had come to say goodbye, and of the hateful journey to New York.

"Why in Heaven's name go with her then?" he asked.

"I've told you—I can't afford to lose my job."

He picked up his clothes from a chair and went into the bathroom, leaving the door half open. "Which would you prefer—New York or Manderley?" I heard him say.

"Please don't joke about it," I said. "Mrs Van Hopper's waiting—I think I'd better say goodbye."

Mrs Van Hopper or you come home to Manderley with me."

"Do you mean you want a secretary or something?"

"No, I'm asking you to

marry me, you little fool."

I sat dazed, and feeling unreal, with my hands in my lap. "But you don't understand," I said. "I'm not the sort of person men marry."

"What on earth do you mean?"

"Well, I don't belong in your sort of world—in Manderley—for one thing."

"I'm the person to judge whether you belong there or not. Of course, if you don't love me, that's different. A fine blow to my conceit!"

"I do love you! I love you dreadfully. I've been miserable and I've been crying all morning because I thought I should never see you again."

He laughed, and gave me his hand. "Bless you for that," he said quietly. "All right then—it's settled."

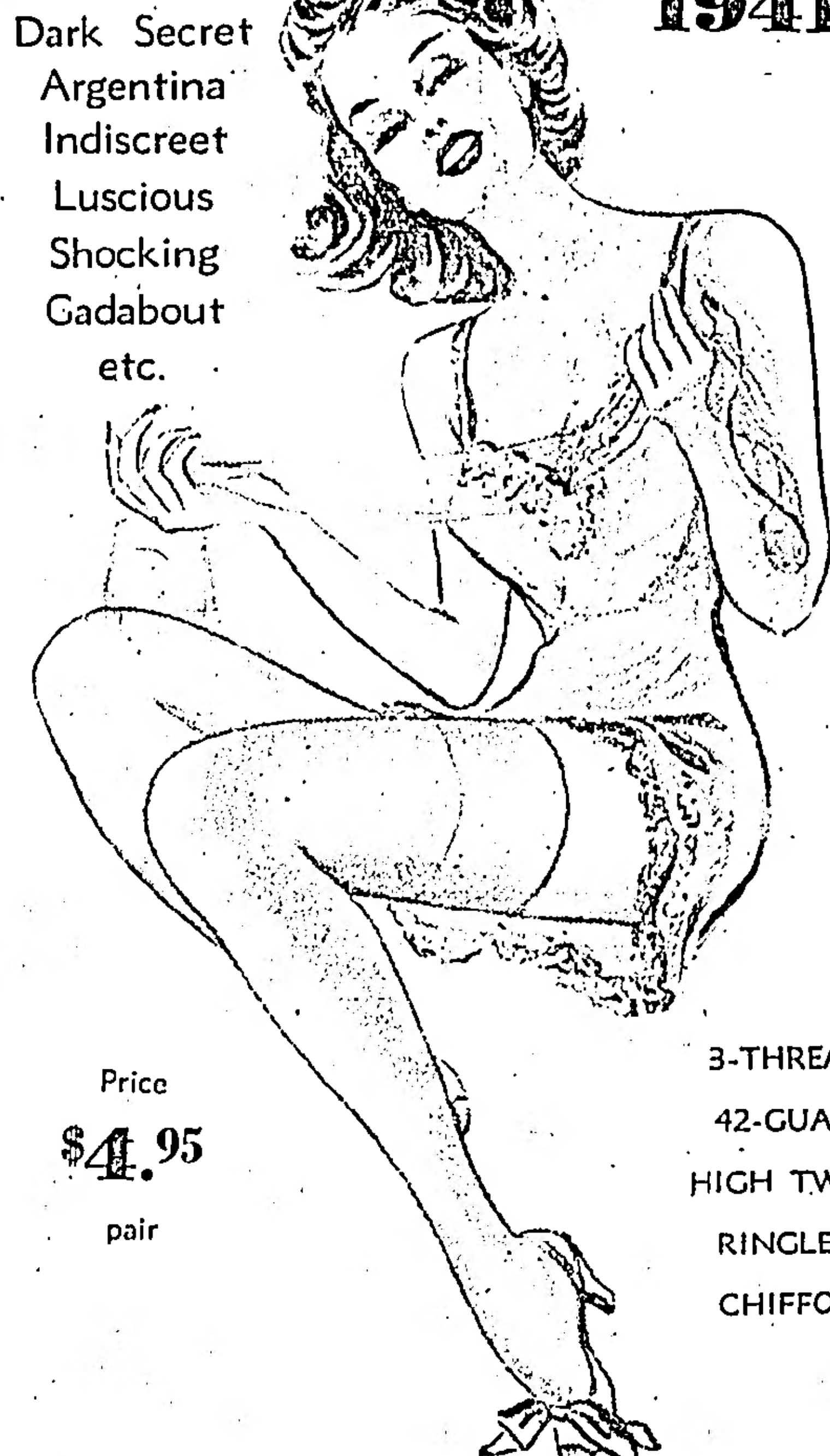
I begged him to tell Mrs Van Hopper, whose restraint over fury and snobish surprise, when she heard, was remarkable. She was quite brutal and vulgar toward me when he left the room, of course.

That same day Maxim and I were married by the Mayor. We drove north to England, and to Manderley's great iron gates. Just as we were winding up the driveway—just before I first saw the magnificent house—it began to rain. The car was open, and my hair fell in wet wisps around my face.

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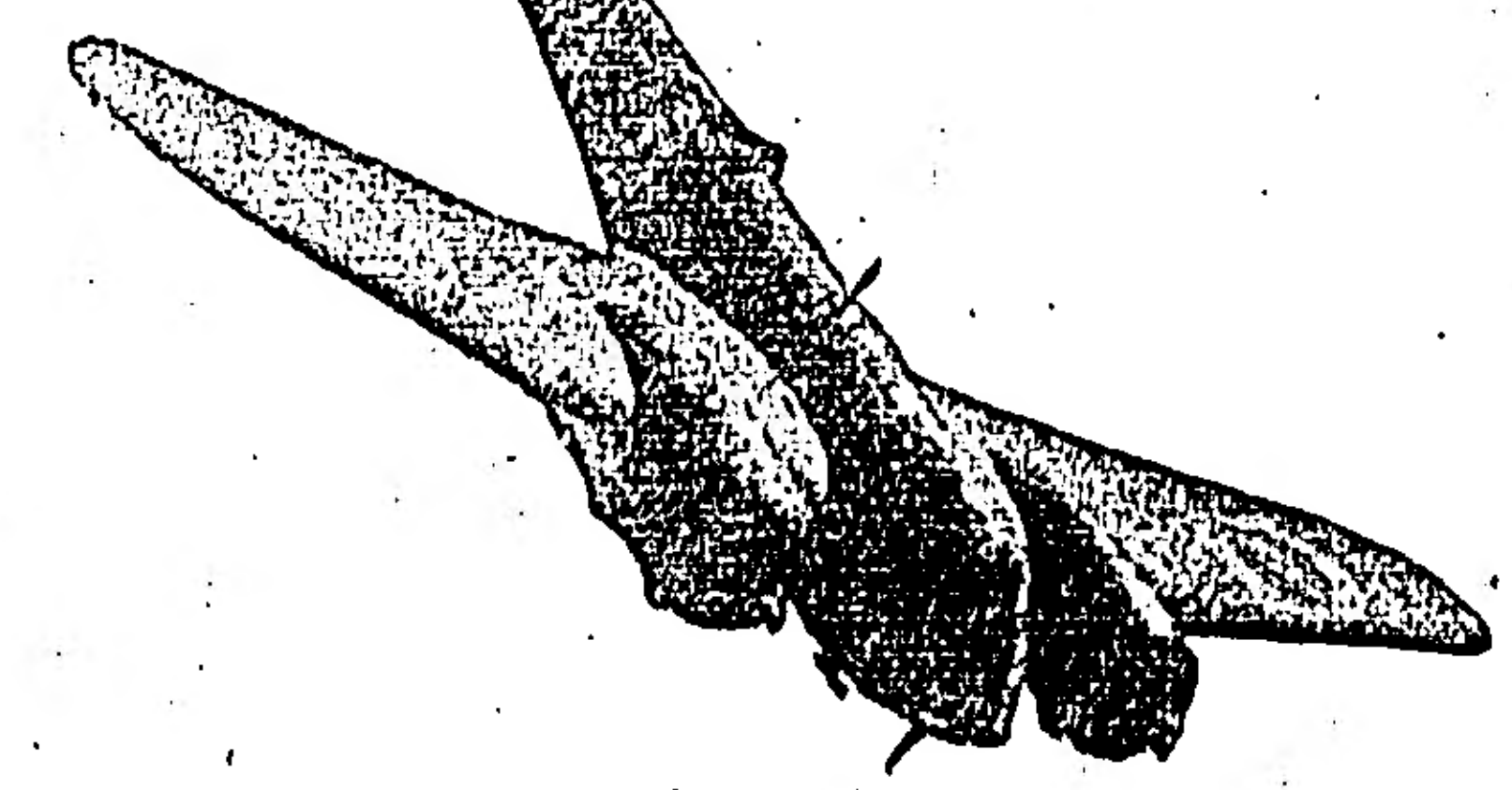


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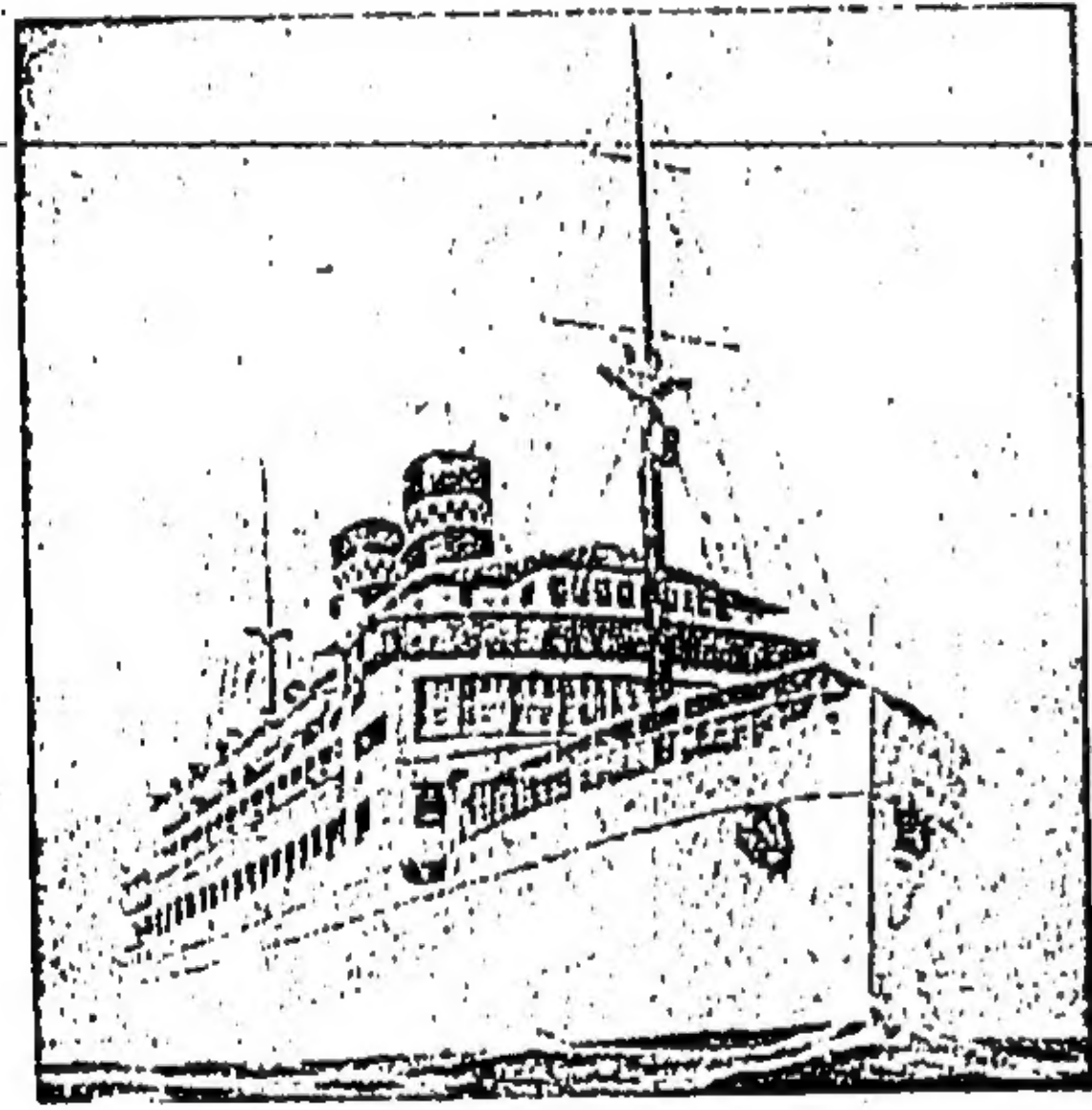
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THE BOMBER FUND

A bishop in India recently aroused some resentment, and also some acquiescence, by a sermon which mildly castigated white people in India for lavish expenditure on entertainment and living during the winter months while Britain was undergoing her worst ordeal. Yesterday the news was published of 1,000 deaths and many more casualties in the Merseyside and Clyde areas as a result of two nights' bombing.

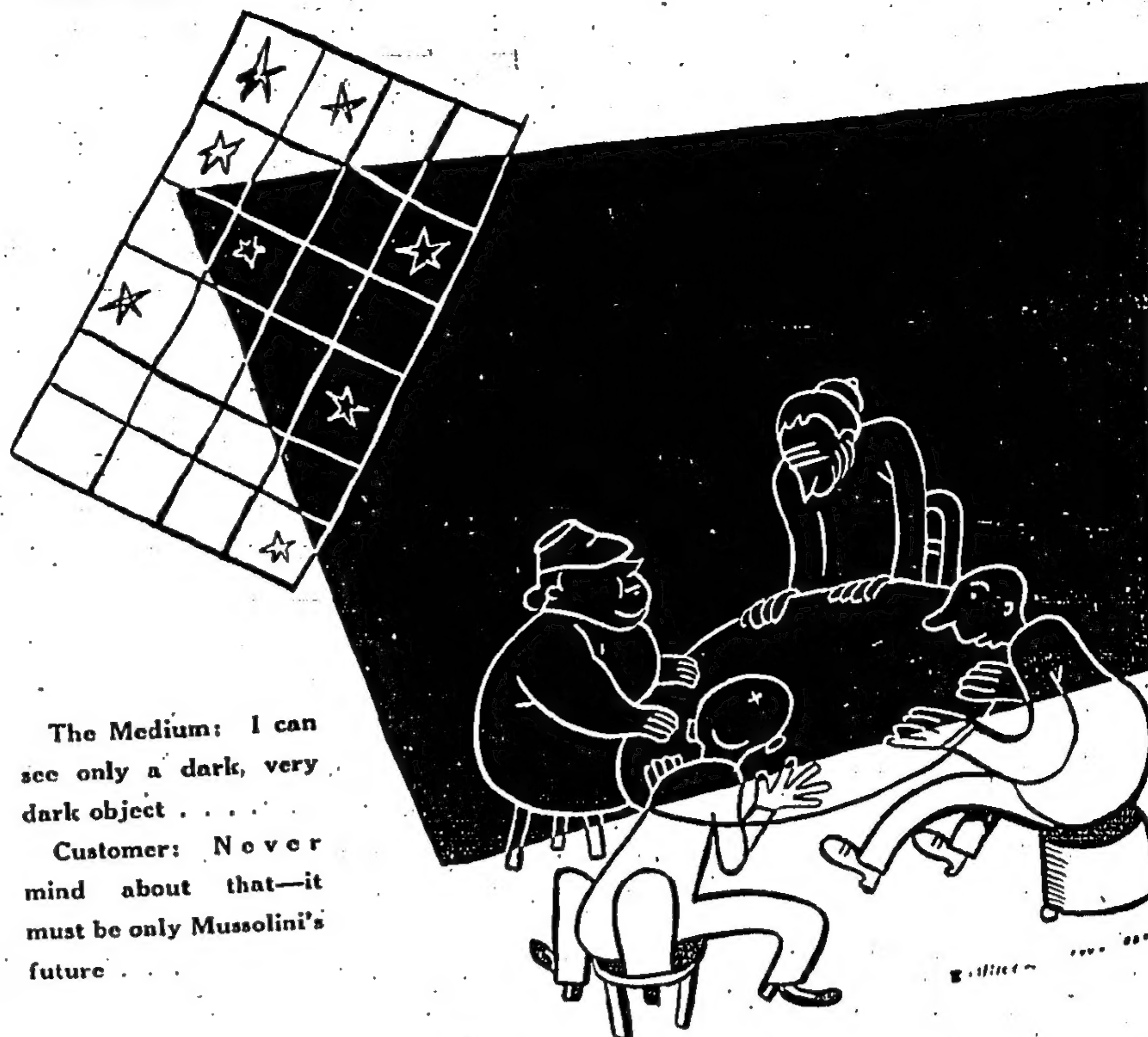
A month ago one million odd dollars were poured into the Roofs Hill Derby sweepstake. To date the number of tickets sold in the Bomber Fund raffle, while good, is not worthy of Hongkong when one remembers the cause at stake, and in view of the splendid lead given by so many firms in offering nearly \$50,000 worth of prizes.

Able as Hongkong is to-day to pursue its sporting activities, evening amusements and unrationed meals with comparatively negligible inconvenience, it is conceivable that the Colony fails to appreciate the extent of the sacrifices needed now, and which are to come. It should certainly be possible, without making ourselves miserable in anticipation, or skeletons before rationing, to conform more to the present Homeside standard of living, and thus enable ourselves to make greater contributions towards the Empire's cause.

It is obvious now that the war will be long and arduous, calling for careful planning by the Administration and loyal co-operation by all individuals. Tightening our belts in Hongkong while our larders are full is not only a wise precaution, but an act of grace which recognises that the Battle of Britain is not merely a task for those in the front lines at Home, but has its need of Hongkong's loyal and generous participation.

But since we cannot share the front line trenches, let us give until it hurts. Which brings us once again to the Bomber Fund.

THE SEANCE



The Medium: I can see only a dark, very dark object

Customer: Never mind about that—it must be only Mussolini's future

WHAT ITALY NEEDS IS A LEADER

LISTENERS-IN to Rome Radio should first possess as background some knowledge of Italian home politics. Without this the picture will be distorted.

Strange as it may appear, it was through Hitler that Mussolini's weakness was shown up. It was after the march into the Sudetenland. Besides approving the Fuehrer's action, the well-drilled Italian Press appealed for closer union with the Reich. The notable exception was the "Corriere del Padano," which carried a violent article against the suggestion. Balbo signed it and at the same time signed his death warrant.

Something akin to dismay seized the people, particularly the northern Italians, when the full significance of the Duce's zig-zag policy was realised. Tongues wagged. So much so that in October, 1938, the Ova received hasty instructions to take a holiday. The people were ripe for revolution.

What was wanting was, and still is, a leader.

This preface will help to throw light on some of the more obscure manoeuvrings of the Duce and Fascism, though listeners-in must not expect to detect immediate and startling revelations as to trends and changes of policy.

ITALY has been very much in the limelight of late. She has been involved in three major events: Taranto, the Greek campaign, the Egyptian debacle. The point to note about them is their rapid cumulative effect. They represent, be it remembered, the first undeniable, factual, undeniable reverses experienced by the regime since its advent to power in 1922.

Fascism feeds upon success: defeat spells death. Till now Mussolini has been a psychologist of a high order, and has known perfectly how to prepare his public. Thus, when Italy entered the war, the masses thought it was a walkover.

The Italians were filled with "new order" talks, long and incredibly detailed accounts of Fascist airmen's successes in Africa, out of all proportion to their military value.

The news bulletins were intended to impress on Italians only the certitude of victory. Reverses were not even contemplated; only the sort of peace that "the full weight of the propagandist threw prudence to the winds and let himself go against Italy. We are proud of the honour." Other items have been slipping: crept into Radio Roma news,

war with Greece. Rome Radio was definitely worried, for the nation knew nothing of the ultimatum. Glaring discrepancies crept into the news bulletins and the Gaydas who delivered the talks were hard put to appear plausible if not coherent.

By
F. A. Shepley

Then Taranto. "One warship heavily damaged." The listener sensed something more. When finally the report was fully known, Rome became furious.

MUSSOLINI himself had to speak, but it is significant that he had to speak to the Italians, not to explain away the Taranto affair, but to pave the way to the admissions of reverses in Greece and to call to order the "pacifists, slackers and defeatists," whose number apparently was growing.

It was the first clear sign that something was coming unstuck, the first tangible evidence of the weakness of the Italo-Fascist relations.

Right on top of the Albanian campaign came stringent rationing decrees.

As the series of Italian defeats in Albania lengthened important changes were made in the commands of the fighting forces; but Rome Radio only just mentioned the fact. At this point the nation began to show signs of restiveness, the proof being that the propagandist was obliged to adopt a new technique and occupy himself with facts; generalities would no longer do.

Daily the radio announced surprise visits paid by Fascist district chiefs to the various headquarters throughout the country, during which section leaders were received. Such sudden visits have always portended something grave in the State.

Wavell provided the next shattering blow. Rome Radio staked all on Graziani, and lost. The bombastic and vulgar epithets hurled at England have rebounded most impressively. The rapid Italian withdrawal had to be admitted in the communiques, but only indirectly. "The British have tended to impress on Italians only the certitude of victory. Reverses were not even contemplated; only the sort of peace that 'the full weight of the propagandist threw prudence to the winds and let himself go against Italy. We are proud of the honour.' Other items have been slipping: crept into Radio Roma news,

too trivial for a broadcast bulletin. Reports of shops being closed for offences against price regulations, of sentences against hoarders. They are obviously used as a deterrent against other offenders. On December 15 the Party Secretary, Adelchi Sereno, called all the regional secretaries of the central and northern provinces, telling them to intensify their work. More money was to be spent on assistance funds and every effort was to be made to extirpate defeatists and dissentients. Party sections are to remain open in future day and night to "render assistance."

FROM the foregoing it will be seen that the Duce does not feel too sure of his position, and realises that he may have to quit hurriedly at any moment. Judging by the frantic efforts of the Rome Radio to stem the deterioration of Italian morale, one might anticipate a climax in case the Greeks smash through, or the overrunning of Tripolitania by the British. Certainly, when the moment arrives there will be no hospitable Beherophone to save Mussolini from the wrath of his deluded followers. The most likely solution will be the Blackshirts' pride: the dagger.

Could Build Ideal Shelter But—

MR FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, America's greatest architect, has been awarded Britain's Royal Gold Medal for Architecture.

He is the man who designed the first quake-proof building—the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo. Completed in 1919, it was derided by many critics. But four years later they had to eat their words.

The quake of 1923 destroyed nearly everything in Tokyo. But not even a wall of Lloyd Wright's hotel was cracked.

Views on London

Two years ago—before war began—he visited London and this is what he thought of it— "It interests me as a museum piece, but as a modern city it is not fit for human habitation."

"Your Government is making plans for evacuating the city. Why not evacuate it for good? There is plenty of room on this green earth for everybody."

He said he could build for the capital a perfectly bomb-proof shelter.

"But why should it?" he added. "If statesmen cannot solve the problem at its source, civilisation is hardly worth saving."

CATHOLICS VILIFIED BY NAZIS

A sensational book, has just been published in London. Its German title is "Der Todfeind Des Christentums," or The Persecution of the Catholic Church in the Third Reich.

For some time the relation of the Pope to the present war has been made the subject of shrewd and effective Axis propaganda. Many Catholics in Britain have been gravely perturbed and a prominent London newspaper urged that the position of the Vatican should be clarified.

When His Holiness recently blessed a large congregation at St Peter's and urged them to be faithful servants of their Fatherland, the newspaper reports made it appear that the congregation consisted entirely of Italian Officers which was, of course, not true.

Subsequently a report was issued from Berlin that the leaders of the Catholic Church in the Third Reich had sent a message to Hitler thanking him for his tolerance towards them and, by keeping the enemy at the gates, permitting them to get on with their Christian tasks.

Concordat?

Further reports indicated that Hitler would place the whole of Europe with his new order under the spiritual domain of the Pope. In other words a concordat seemed to be in the process of accomplishment between the Vatican and the Nazis.

But now, like a bombshell, comes "Der Todfeind Des Christentums" with its documented charges against the Nazis, and its sensational proofs that Hitler regards the Catholic Church as a greater enemy than the Jews.

In fact some of the anti-Catholic cartoons in this book, reproduced from German papers, have all the virulent coarseness with which the Jew was lampooned and libelled. One of the present Pope is so offensive that I cannot describe it in detail. It is sufficient to say that Humanity is portrayed as a woman of an obvious class with His Holiness as her admirer. This is taken from Das Schwarze Korps of July 22, 1937.

Pope's Goodness

I am not a Catholic but on the occasion of Mr Chamberlain's visit to Rome I had the privilege of a long private audience with the Secretary of State at the Vatican, the then Cardinal Pacelli. It is not for me to reveal what was said between us on that occasion, but seldom have I been so impressed with the essential goodness of a man. To him the people of the world were one family, and their sufferings were his sorrow.

Because of that interview I have refused to believe that he has changed in his attitude towards the Axis and especially Germany. The position of the Vatican and Fascism is complicated by a clause in the famous Concordat whereas the Vatican agreed to take no sides in a war involving Italy. That is an understandable concession based on the reality of the Vatican being physically a section of the Italian State.

But as I read the revelations in this German book of the persecution of priests, the banning of Catholic Youth movements, the poisoning of the child mind, the denunciation of self control as a crime against nature and the State, and the delineation of the Pope as a Communist and a criminal—then I know that there can be no peace of the spirit between the Vatican and the Wilhelmstrasse.

So far Dr Goebbels has made no reply to the British publication of "Der Todfeind Des Christentums."

The documented accuracy of the book probably presents a problem which may prove too difficult even for the adroit brain of Germany's Propaganda Minister.

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JAPAN'S PARTIES

N.S.A. Appeals To Industry

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, March 19 (Domei).—The National Service Association made a definite bid for accelerating the control of key industries along the lines of wartime economy when a joint conference of the Government, the Association and civilian representatives was held today.

Present at the meeting were Count Rumei Arima, Director-General, and Mr. Tadayoshi Kobata, Director of the Planning Bureau, of the N.S.A., officials of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Planning Board, Mr. Hachiburo Hirose, President of the Japan Iron Manufacturing Company, and Mr. Yoshiaki Hotta, Chairman of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

An informal resolution was taken by the conference urging the managers of important industries to co-operate in promoting the control of various industrial branches, re-organizing enterprises, and co-ordinating the entire economy into an organic whole.

AGRICULTURE IN CHINA

Conference Adjourns

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, March 19 (Domei).—Four former leaders of defunct political parties, Mr. Chuji Mochida, Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Fumio Kihara, head of the "orthodox" Seiyukai, Mr. Chikuhel Nakajima, chief of the "reformist" Seiyukai, and Mr. Kenzo Adachi, president of the Kokumin Domei, all Cabinet Counsellors, this afternoon met at the Premier's residence to discuss the question of reforming the National Service Association.

Resolutions passed included the holding of a national agricultural products exhibition and an agricultural products contest, promotion of agricultural education, fixation of an estimated expenditure for the promotion of agriculture and forestry, the establishment of a factory for the manufacture of farming implements, and a national forestry station, promotion of animal husbandry and veterinary medicine and development of agricultural economy.

China Oil Exports
CHUNGKING, Mar. 19 (Central News).—Szechwan wood oil sent abroad through Chungking last month reached a daily average of some 315 quintals as against 325 quintals were exported. Although the total quantity is slightly less than the January export (335 quintals), the daily average exceeds that of the previous month by 25 quintals.

CHUNGKING TO CHITTAGONG

Chinese Start Road Survey

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Mar. 19 (Domei).—A group of Chinese engineers left Chungking on Tuesday for southern Szechwan Province to begin surveys for a highway from Ningyuan to Sidiya in Assam, India, a Chungking dispatch to the New York "Times" said.

If constructed, the 1,000-mile highway will open a new "backdoor" to China connecting the upper Yangtze with the railway running northward in India from Chittagong. The route will cross mountains 20,000 feet high and the construction will be the most difficult.

Petain's Broadcast

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GRENOBLE, Mar. 19 (UP).—In a broadcast here to-night, Marshal Petain stated: "France to-day is subjected to great difficulties and is menaced by even more severe measures. She can only emerge from them through the most rigorous discipline."

"It is my duty to prepare for the day when France will be free again under a new constitution. I am building that pillar day by day."

Impoverished Larder

VICHY, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—France's hopes of American aid to relieve her food shortage were voiced by Marshal Petain in a broadcast speech at Grenoble to-day.

The Government had a heavy task and was specially concerned with the shortage of supplies and stocks.

"We are counting greatly on American aid to relieve the shortage," he declared.

France was undergoing great difficulties and her life was threatened with still more severe measures but "we are working more and producing more."

Dutch Premier At White House

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP).—Dr. van Kleeff, Premier of the exiled Netherlands Government, accompanied by Dr. Louden the Netherlands Ambassador and Mr. Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, today paid a visit to President Roosevelt at the White House.

Later, Dr. van Kleeff said the conversations dealt broadly with world affairs and he praised President Roosevelt's direction of the Lend and Lease programme saying: "It is an admirable instance of the President's governing capacity."

M. Welles, the Dutch Minister of Colonies will accompany him on his trip to Batavia.

London's Busmen

LONDON, Mar. 19 (British Wire- less).—While only 72 of the members of staff of London Passenger Transport Board serving with H.M. forces had been killed or died on active service up to last December, 116 had been killed by enemy action and 322 injured while engaged in performance of their ordinary duties.

BOMB-FREE DAY

Britain's Respite

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).

—No bombs were reported dropped anywhere on land in Britain during daylight to-day and no alert had been sounded this evening up to a late hour.

There had been some aerial activity over the British coast and this morning a Dornier 17 was shot down into the North Sea.

Raid On Hull

Hull, Mar. 19 (UP).—A German bomb wrecked a shelter in which the sole survivor was a year old baby. Throughout the town, at least 50 persons were killed and many injured and made homeless. Considerable damage was done over a wide area, houses, shops, two cinemas being demolished.

Another northeast coast town was bombed last night for several hours starting at dusk and heavy casualties are feared. Two large fires were started.

MEXICO EXPROPRIATION

—Unsettled

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).

—Questions regarding Mexico were put to Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day.

Having stated that hitherto no suggestion for a fair and equitable settlement was made by the Mexican Government, Mr. Butler was further asked: "When is this unfortunate affair expected to be settled?"

Mr. Butler replied: "When a suggestion is made to us for a fair and equitable settlement."

Questions obviously referred to the expropriation of foreign oil companies' properties.

Mr Roosevelt Takes A Rest

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).

—President Roosevelt is to-day leaving on a brief holiday.

He is embarking on the yacht Pelonaire at an unnamed port in Florida. The yacht will be escorted by two destroyers.

All details of the trip are being kept secret.

LANDSLIDE

Changes Contours Of Part Of Rumania

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—A landslide occurred in the Buzan district in Rumania, in the centre of the disastrous earthquake a few weeks ago, states a Bucharest dispatch to Berlin.

As the result of this and previous landslides, the contours of the country, have been changed and new hills are formed while many streams have altered their courses.

Germans & Soviets Draw The Line

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—The present negotiations between Germany and Soviet Russia are concerned with boundary adjustments, said a German Foreign Office spokesman to-day.

He added that the visit of the Soviet Ambassador to the Wilhelmstrasse to-day was a matter of usual routine.

Finland's Hero

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—Field Marshal Baron Gustaf Mannerheim, virtual founder of modern Finland, who commanded the Finnish forces against Russia in 1939, became ill some days ago, states a Helsinki dispatch to Berlin.

He is 73.

Two-Ocean Navy Getting Under Way

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—The Senate Appropriations Committee to-day unanimously approved the \$2,477,000,000 bill to help finance America's two-ocean navy.

The bill, which provides for the construction of six new-type battle cruisers, has passed the House of Representatives and the Senate begins its consideration to-morrow.

Lease And Lend Act

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—The House of Representatives has passed the Bill appropriating \$1,750,000,000 for the purposes of the Lease and Lend Act.

The voting in favour of the appropriation was 369 to 55.

Garrisoning Norway

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—Germans are planning to place garrisons on the hundred of islands along the Norwegian coast, according to information from Norway. If this plan is put into operation, a very large number of German troops will be immobilized.

Boris Taken For A Ride By Germans

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—King Boris of Bulgaria has been participating in the military exercises of German armoured divisions, according to a Bulgarian news agency.

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King Boris is known for his interest in railway engines.

Italian Affairs In House

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day said that the British Government naturally condemned the Italian Army's taking hostages.

Some 200 Greeks and 250 Albanians in the Epirus and southern Albania, including leading citizens, priests, women and children and old men, were marched to concentration camps.

The action was contrary to International Law, Mr. Butler said.

No Request Made

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—Dealing with Italian non-combatants in Abyssinia, Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day recalled that an Italian request for safe conduct was the prerequisite for British action and no such request had been made.

Raider Holds Bride-To-Be

Prisoner In Nightgown

A bride-to-be whose ship was sunk by a German sea raider in the South Pacific told of spending a month as prisoner-of-war at sea, clad in her nightgown, reports United Press from Honolulu.

She is Miss Mary Black of New Zealand on her way to Los Angeles and British Guiana to marry an Englishman. She was a passenger on the British ship Rangitane when the German raider, reportedly commanded by Count Felix von Luckner, attacked on the night of Nov. 26.

"My roommate shook me out of a half sleep," said Miss Black. "Everybody was yelling that the ship was sinking. We rushed on deck in our nightclothes and saw the black raider. It was like a nightmare."

The Rangitane's passengers were placed in the raider's hold as prisoners.

New Chief Scout

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—Lord Somers, who recently succeeded Lord Baden-Powell as Chief Scout of Great Britain, is now appointed Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth.

BALKAN JEWS

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—The Colonial Under-Secretary, Mr. George Hall, disclosed in the House of Commons to-day that permits had been issued for 700 Rumanian Jews to go to Palestine. He forebode the possibility of similar action regarding Bulgarian Jews.

Strike Settled

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Mar. 20 (UP).—The International Settlement buses and trams were functioning to-day after the bus drivers had returned to work last night following a walkout lasting several hours. Simultaneously there was a strike of bus and tram drivers in the French Concession, and they are still on strike this morning.

Communal Clash

DACCA, INDIA, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—Nine were killed and 87 were wounded in communal clashes arising from a bazaar brawl which led to arson.

The Police fired on a mob attempting to set fire to a shop and wounded nine.

The Hemingway

Says "PM":—Before Ernest Hemingway left for the Orient, where he will be "PM's" correspondent, he learned that the editorial staff of the Toronto "Star," where he once worked—until he was fired—is on the verge of a strike. He thereupon sent the Toronto Newspaper Guild \$200 and his blessings.

BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP).—The House has passed the seven billion dollar aid bill.

Calling Soldiers' Sweethearts

PARENTS, wives and sweethearts of men serving in the British Forces in Gibraltar, Malta, India and the Far East are invited by the B.I.C. to send messages to Broadcasting House to be included in the new regular weekly programme for these men.

Next Week's Badminton Programme

The following is next week's programme of matches in the Hongkong Badminton Championships, the first of which will take place at Kowloon Cricket Club:

MONDAY, MARCH 24 (KOWLOON C.C.)

Mixed Doubles.—P. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro v. J. Odell and Miss J. Choo (7 p.m.); P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo v. J. J. Remedios and Mrs. Silva (9 p.m.).

Men's Senior Singles.—C. Au v. F. Koh (7.30 p.m.).

Men's Junior Singles.—R. M. Lavalle v. Peter Lo (8.45 p.m.).

Men's Senior Doubles.—S. Am-plavannar and C. K. Cheah v. M. P. and V. P. Loong (8.15 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MARCH 25 (TAIKOO)

Men's Junior Singles.—J. Odell v. M. Talon (8 p.m.); P. A. Vannoy v. H. Dingsdale (8.45 p.m.); D. Cl. Allah v. W. C. Chung (10 p.m.).

Men's Junior Doubles.—R. M. Lavalle and N. A. Beltrao v. A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (8.30 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 (RECRE)

Men's Junior Singles.—H. S. Jones v. P. C. Leung (7 p.m.); A. L. Fisher v. Peter Lo or R. M. Lavalle (7.45 p.m.); M. L. Smith v. P. Wynter-Blyth (8.30 p.m.); J. L. Anderson v. J. Hooi or E. Zimmerman (9.15 p.m.); E. Gillespie v. D. Chelliah or W. C. Chung (10 p.m.).

MONDAY, MARCH 31 (KOWLOON C.C.)

Men's Senior Singles.—W. Gillies v. K. W. Choy (7 p.m.); Patrick Wong v. David Kwok (7.45 p.m.).

Men's Junior Singles.—T. S. Young v. P. A. Yennovich or H. Dingsdale (8 p.m.).

Men's Senior Doubles.—M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho v. K. W. Choy and K. B. Low or J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves (8.30 p.m.).

Men's Junior Doubles.—C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xaviez v. P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (9.15 p.m.).

Players are requested to be present and ready to play 10 minutes before the scheduled time.

Inter-Unit Cricket

R.E.'s Qualify To Meet Small Units In Final

THE ROYAL ENGINEERS qualified to meet the Combined Small Units in the final of the Large Units Knock-out cricket tournament yesterday when they beat the Royal Artillery by 11 runs.

Lieut. T. A. Pearce, Interporter, represented the Artillery and took 4 for 40 and knocked out 36 before being bowled by Denyer. Lieut. A. G. Plummer, however, was top-scorer for the Gunners with an excellent 43, when he was bowled by Megson who eventually took 5 for 40. Denyer claimed 4 for 40.

Scores were:—R.E. (Merson 30, Ratcliffe 25, A. Pearce 4 for 40); Artillery—117 (Plummer 43, T. A. Pearce 36, Merson 5 for 40, Denyer 4 for 40).

Matsuoka's Visit: Rome Comment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Mar. 19 (UP).—A front page editorial in the "Popolo di Roma," commenting on the visit of Mr. Matsuoka, hints that the Axis may influence Japan to examine the possibility of peace with Chungking.

It says that if the United States sends help to China, the Japanese will sink the ships. The paper also declared that Mr. Matsuoka's trip is connected with Washington's "warlike" attitude.

U.S. Warships Will Visit Brisbane

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CANBERRA, Mar. 19 (UP).—The Acting Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, said that the United States squadron will also visit Brisbane for three days following the visit to Sydney.

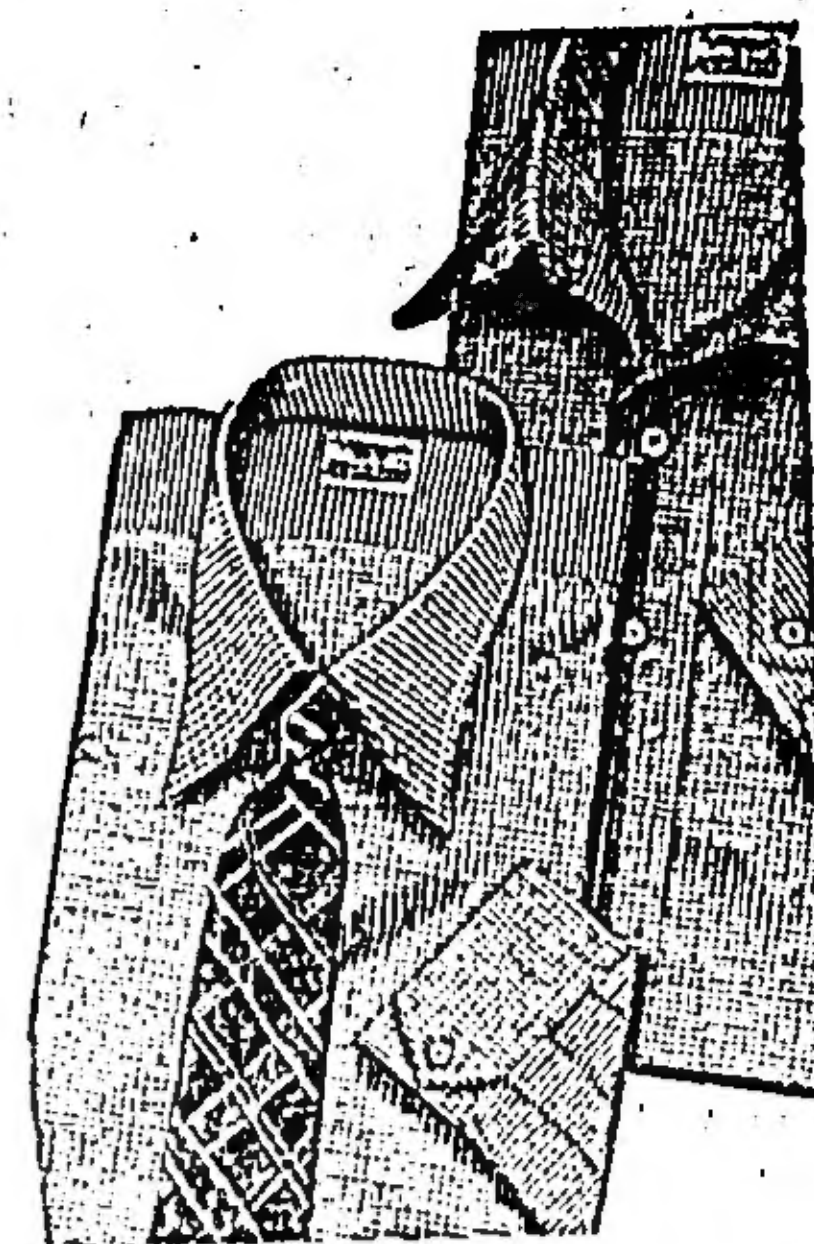
Mr. Fadden paid tribute to the United States for the passage of the Lend and Lease bill and declared, "Australia will go on unflinchingly and unitedly with the valiant company of American people."

Col Knox's Sympathies

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—Commenting on the "training cruises" of four United States cruisers and nine destroyers to Australian and New Zealand ports, Colonel Knox said that the United States was "very closely in touch with Australia and greatly in sympathy with her aspirations."

With the exception of those whose movements have already been publicised, there were no more United States naval vessels in the South Pacific, he added.

Those in the Antipodes would return shortly to Honolulu.



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Chinese Envoy's Fighting Speech

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although for more than two years we fought a rather lonely fight.

"The world belatedly realises now what we asserted a decade ago about Japan's programme of aggression. The Ambassador did not deny that there was friction between the Government and the Communists though he said that it was greatly exaggerated by Japanese propaganda. Moreover, he was confident that the Communists, realising the supreme necessity for internal unity, would continue to accord the Government co-operation and support as they had pledged themselves to do when the war began.

Miraculous Development
After surveying Chinese military successes of the past six months, Dr Quo specially drew attention to the almost miraculous development of the natural riches in south-west and north-west China since the Chinese Government had been established in Chungking, the consequences of which for China's future influence in Asia may well outweigh all other fruits of war.

The Ambassador, whose reputation as an orator has been long established in London, was in fine form. The large audience generally agreed that he had never delivered a better speech, and it was punctuated by frequent applause, especially his references to President Roosevelt. Mr Winston Churchill and the formidable growth of the Chinese forces which are now holding a million Japanese inextricably bogged in China.

America To Supply Small Naval Craft

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Meyers and Cyrus Ching, Vice President of the United States Rubber Company.

The Executive Order provides that labour disputes will be referred to the Mediation Board whenever the Secretary of Labour certifies that a controversy had arisen, "threatening to burden or obstruct the production of transportation equipment or materials essential to national defence."

Chairman Named

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP).—Clarence Dylkara has been named as Chairman of the new Mediation Board.

FINANCING FREE FRENCH

FROM PAGE ONE

the control of the Council of Defence of the French Empire, which will be in a position, if necessary, to use the surplus exchange resources of one colony to meet the deficit of another, or for the Free French forces as a whole.

From Pondicherry

PONDICHERRY, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The first batch of volunteers from French India left last night to join the Free French forces.

LATE NEWS

ORIENTAL THEATRE

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Chinese Envoy's Fighting Speech

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—"Let no-one make the mistake that Japan's programme has been in any way abandoned," declared Dr. Quo Tai-chi, the Chinese Ambassador in London, speaking at the Fabian Society luncheon to-day.

"Japan is only waiting for a favourable moment to take the plunge in the hope of sharing the spoils with her Nazi partners, but I can assure you that China will not listen to any specious peace proposals designed only to extirpate Japan for further aggressions."

The Chinese Ambassador also declared: "China remains unconquered and more than ever unconquerable. We have been a bit tougher and even more resilient than the world expected. China is blessed with a brilliant leader. We have our Chiang Kai-shek as you have your Winston Churchill and Americans have their Franklin Roosevelt."

"China has more than doubled her military strength since the war against Japan began. We are self-sufficient in all arms except planes and heavy guns which have to be imported and are essential to a general counter-offensive which may come sooner than might be expected."

China Has Borne The Brunt
"China has really borne the brunt of mechanized aggression. She has led the van in armed resistance to a noxious doctrine that could not be checked by reason. From the beginning we felt that we were fighting for others as well as for ourselves."

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Control Of Food From Gt Britain

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—From April 3 practically all foodstuffs will be subject to export licensing control to all destinations.

The chief exceptions will be wines, spirits, mackerel, saucers and chutneys. New additions to the control list are made in a Board of Trade order to-day.

Concessions under which, with some exceptions, foodstuffs subject to export control may be exported without licence to the Crown Colonies and protectorates provided that an import licence has been obtained in the territory concerned, remain in force.

ST LAWRENCE PROJECT

A New Agreement

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—A new agreement between the United States and Canada to begin work now on the big St Lawrence navigation and power project is announced in Washington and Ottawa to-day.

It will be presented to Congress and the Canadian Parliament simultaneously on Friday.

The immediate objectives are to increase the production of the International Rapids section of the river and provide an outlet for ship-building facilities in the Great Lakes area.

Piecemeal Reduction Of Keren Proceeds

CAIRO, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Further important positions south of Keren have been captured and Italian counter-attacks have again been repulsed with serious Italian losses, says a communiqué.

The situation is developing favourably. Pressure by patriot forces is developing against Debra Marcos in Abyssinia.

Announcing the occupation of Jijiga, the report adds: "In other sectors, our general advance is proceeding."

"Troops around Keren were bombed and machine-gunned."

AMERICA TO SUPPLY BRITAIN WITH SMALL NAVAL CRAFT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, said to-day that the initial help to Britain will be directed at supplying them with small fast craft capable of Channel work.

He revealed that Britain had requested under the Lend and Lease Bill to repair some British naval craft in United States shipyards. He indicated that destroyers were not included in the initial plans and that no vessels of any kind have yet been transferred.

Planes For The Defence Of China

Forty From America

SHANGHAI, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Forty American planes have arrived in China from the United States, according to a Chinese press report.

The consignment is stated to be part of the 100 aircraft for which the Chinese Government asked the United States.

In addition, the United States is reported to have agreed to sell four flying fortresses to China and the Chinese Government hopes to reorganize its air force with American aid.

It is reported here that over 300 Japanese troops were killed at Wuling in Huph Province when Japanese planes mistakenly bombed their own troops.

Commons Gets Rare Laugh

From Railway Coaches

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Members of Parliament who were recently irritated by a notice in the railway carriages of otherwise crowded trains reading "Not for public use" ventilated their sense of grievance in the House of Commons this afternoon but their resentment dissolved into roars of laughter following the explanation of the Transport Minister, Colonel J. Morrison.

Being pressed to state what the special reasons for these reservations were, the Minister said: "The list is a rather curious one. It includes broken windows, infectious diseases and corpses."

The House tittered. "It also includes lunatics and high service officials," the Minister continued.

The House laughed and the Minister concluded: "And finally, it includes convicts and Cabinet Ministers."

The House roared and continued in open hilarity when the Minister members asked how the railway officials managed to distinguish between all these categories!

Yugo-Slavia And Germany

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUDAPEST, Mar. 19 (UP).—German information from Belgrade says that Yugo-Slavia and Germany have reached an agreement on all points, and that Yugo-Slavia will sign the tri-Power agreement March 26, coincident with Mr. Matsuo's visit to Berlin.

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Want Use of Navy Yards

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Britain has asked for the use of United States navy yards.

This information was given to-day by the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, in a statement to the press.

The United States Navy had some facilities which the British might use, he added, but no action had yet been taken in connection with the request which was made during the past three or four days.

Colonel Knox declined to elaborate the statement beyond the fact that the request had been made.

Colonel Knox also announced that the United States Navy's first aid to Britain would be to supply light vessels such as submarine chasers, motor torpedo boats and other vessels of "mosquito" type.

Mediation Board

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP).—President Roosevelt today named the new eleven-men Mediation Board which will appoint a Chairman from the three Four will represent labour and four will represent management.

Members for the public are Clarence A. Dylstra, William H. Davis, and Frank P. Graham, President of the University of North Carolina.

For the employees: George Maany, General Secretary of the American Federation of Labour, George Garrison, Philip Murray and Thomas Kennedy.

For the employers: Walter C. Teague, Roger D. Lamham, Eugene TURN to Back Page, Column 3

TURKS STAND TO ARMS

Martial Law Vote

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The decree concerning martial law in Turkey was unanimously prolonged for a further three months at a meeting of the Turkish Grand National Assembly to-day, states the Ankara radio.

Meeting In Cyprus

CAIRO, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—"Highly satisfactory to both sides" is the description applied in authoritative British quarters here to-night to the meeting between the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Shokru Sarajoglu, in Cyprus yesterday.

In the fortnight since their previous meeting in Ankara, much has happened; it is therefore natural that the Ministers should meet to discuss the progress made.

Cyprus pays a warm welcome to the distinguished visitors, in which the Greek, British and Turkish communities have enthusiastically joined.

Balkan Situation

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—At Tuesday's meeting in Cyprus between Mr. Eden and M. Sarajoglu every aspect of the international situation was examined with special attention to the Balkan situation.

A communiqué stated that there was "complete agreement between the two governments in their policy in regard to all these problems."

Encouragement

ATHENS, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—"We shall have a common victory. Meanwhile we are rejoicing at your victories as if they were our own," declared the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Shokru Sarajoglu, to a special correspondent of the Athens newspaper "Ethnos" in Ankara.

M. Sarajoglu added: "The Greek deeds are magnificent and provide a glorious page in the history of humanity. I am optimistic as regards the future and am convinced that the results will be good."

"We shall probably have to go through new trials but this matters little to our people."



R.A.F. Carry Out Devastating Raids On German Sea Ports

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 19 (UP).—The Air Ministry announces that Kiel, Wilhelmshaven and Rotterdam were heavily attacked last night in face of a fierce barrage. "Great loads of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on the docks and shipbuilding yards and industrial centres, and the fires got a firm hold," the statement added.

Berlin Admits Raids

BERLIN, Mar. 19 (UP).—The official news agency reports from Amsterdam say that last night the R.A.F. dropped bombs on several towns in the Netherlands, the majority falling in open country. Houses and private dwellings were damaged, six civilians killed and 13 seriously wounded.

The same agency reports that long distance German bombers attacked a convoy in the Atlantic west of Ireland this forenoon. The convoy consisted of 35 armed merchantmen and six destroyers. Despite strong anti-aircraft fire, the bomber sank a merchantman of from 5,000 to 8,000 tons and damaged another.

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They Are Beating The Luftwaffe

To paraphrase Mr Churchill's famous words, here are some of few to whom so many owe so much. They are cheery, debonair fighter plane pilots who go up in the day and at night to beat off the Nazi Luftwaffe. Their courage is high, their skill unequalled. Such men saved Britain last September and are now assuredly driving the Germans out of the skies.

INVASION ATTEMPT IN MAY?

Japanese Officer's Prediction

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, March 20 (Domei).

—Germany will attempt a land invasion of the British Isles some time in May, Major-General Seifuku Okamura, Military Attache to the Japanese Embassy in Berlin, who arrived here on Wednesday afternoon, declared in a Press interview.

"During the past year, Germany has been preparing all its resources for the sole purpose of invading the British Isles and it is only a matter of time now for Germany really to attempt a full dress offensive," Major-General Okamura said.

"The German people are determined to establish a new order in the world and believe that their Ally Japan is in the same boat aiming at achieving a similar purpose," added Major-General Okamura.

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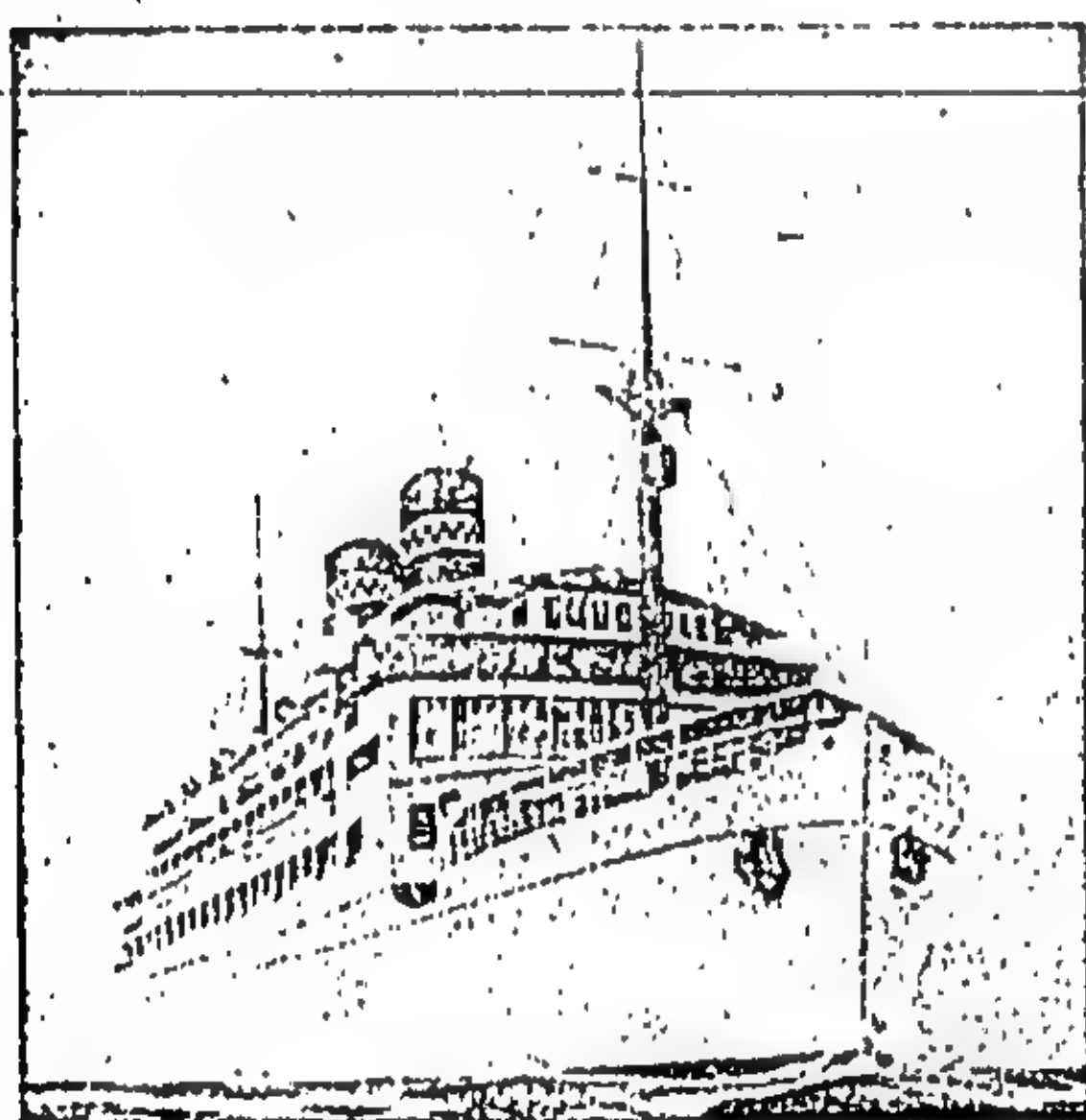
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THE BOMBER FUND

A bishop in India recently aroused some resentment, and also some acquiescence, by a sermon which mildly castigated white people in India for lavish expenditure on entertainment and living during the winter months while Britain was undergoing her worst ordeal. Yesterday the news was published of 1,000 deaths and many more casualties in the Merseyside and Clyde areas as a result of two nights' bombing.

A month ago one million odd dollars were poured into the Rooty Hill Derby sweepstake. To date the number of tickets sold in the Bomber Fund raffle, while good, is not worthy of Hongkong when one remembers the cause at stake, and in view of the splendid lead given by so many firms in offering nearly \$50,000 worth of prizes.

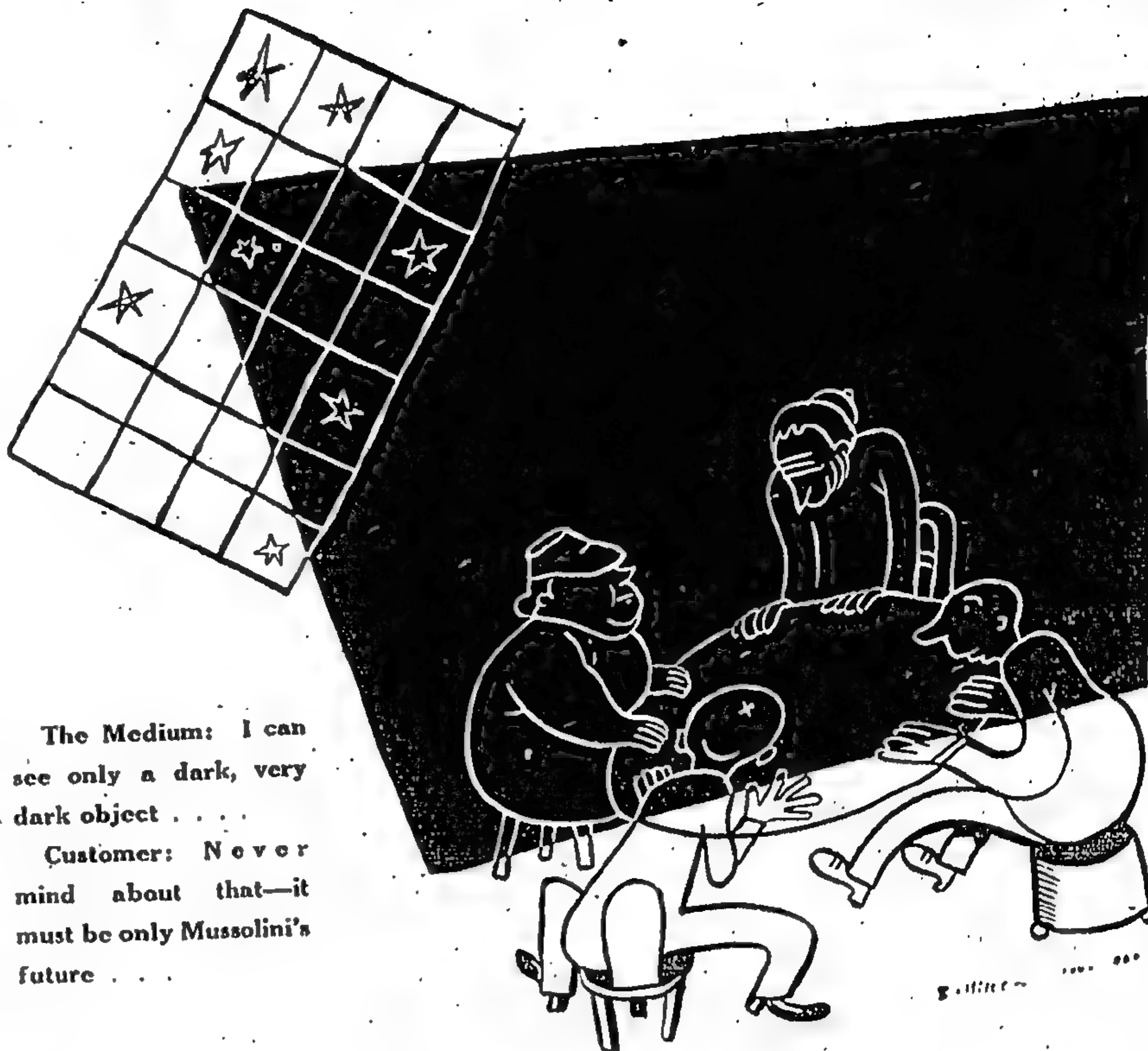
Able as Hongkong is to-day to pursue its sporting activities, evening amusements and unrationed meals with comparatively negligible inconvenience, it is conceivable that the Colony fails to appreciate the extent of the sacrifices needed now, and which are to come. It should certainly be possible, without making ourselves miserable in anticipation, or skeletons before rationing, to conform more to the present Homeside standard of living, and thus enable ourselves to make greater contributions towards the Empire's cause.

It is obvious now that the war will be long and arduous, calling for careful planning by the Administration and loyal co-operation by all individuals. Tightening our belts in Hongkong while our larders are full is not only a wise precaution, but an act of grace which recognises that the Battle of Britain is not merely a task for those in the front lines at home, but has its need of Hongkong's loyal and generous participation.

But since we cannot share the front line trenches, let us give until it hurts. Which brings us once again to the Bomber Fund.

THE SEANCE

By BILLIKEN



The Medium: I can see only a dark, very dark object.

Customer: Never mind about that—it must be only Mussolini's future.

WHAT ITALY NEEDS
IS A LEADER

LISTENERS-IN to Rome Radio should first possess as background some knowledge of Italian home politics. Without this the picture will be distorted.

Strange as it may appear, it was through Hitler that Mussolini's weakness was shown up. It was after the march into the Sudetenland. Besides approving the Fuehrer's action, the well-drilled Italian Press appealed for closer union with the Reich. The notable exception was the "Corriere del Padano," which carried a violent article against the suggestion. Balbo signed it and at the same time signed his death warrant.

Something akin to dismay seized the people, particularly the northern Italians, when the full significance of the Duce's zig-zag policy was realised. Tongues wagged. So much so that in October, 1938, the Ovra received hasty instructions to take a holiday. The people were ripe for revolution.

What was wanting was, and still is, a leader.

This preface will help to throw light on some of the more obscure manoeuvres of the Duce and Fascism, though listeners-in must not expect to detect immediate and startling revelations as to trends and changes of policy.

ITALY has been very much in the limelight of late. She has been involved in three major events: Taranto, the Greek campaign, the Egyptian debacle. The point to note about them is their rapid cumulative effect. They represent, be it remembered, the first undeniable, factual, undeniable reverses experienced by the regime since its advent to power in 1922.

Fascism feeds upon success: defeat spells death. Till now Mussolini has been a psychologist of a high order, and has known perfectly how to prepare his public. Thus, when Italy entered the war, the masses thought it was a walkover.

The Italians were filled with "new order" talks, long and incredibly detailed accounts of Fascist airmen's successes in Africa, out of all proportion to their military value.

The news bulletins were intended to impress on Italians the certitude of victory. Reverses were not even contemplated; only the sort of peace to be imposed afterwards. The propagandist threw prudence to the winds and let himself go. Suddenly, things started happening. Something had slipped: crept into Radio Roma news,

war with Greece. Rome Radio was definitely worried, for the nation knew nothing of the ultimatum. Glaring discrepancies crept into the news bulletins and the Gaydas who delivered the talks were hard put to appear plausible if not coherent.

Then Taranto. "One warship heavily damaged." The listener sensed something more. When finally the report was fully known, Rome became furious.

MUSSOLINI himself had to speak, but it is significant that he had to speak to the Italians, not to explain away the Taranto affair, but to pave the way to the admissions of reverses in Greece and to call to order the "pacifists, slackers and defeatists," whose number apparently was growing.

It was the first clear sign that something was coming unstuck, the first tangible evidence of the weakness of the Italo-Fascist relations.

Right on top of the Albanian campaign came stringent rationing decrees.

As the series of Italian defeats in Albania lengthened important changes were made in the commands of the fighting forces; but Rome Radio only just mentioned the fact. At this point the nation began to show signs of restiveness, the proof being that the propagandist was obliged to adopt a new technique and occupy himself with facts; generalities would no longer do.

Daily the radio announced surprise visits paid by Fascist district chiefs to the various headquarters throughout the country, during which section leaders were received. Such sudden visits have always portended something grave in the State.

Wavell provided the next shattering blow. Rome Radio staked all on Graziani, and lost. The bombastic and vulgar epithets hurled at England have rebounded most impressively. The rapid Italian withdrawal had to be admitted in the communiques, but only indirectly. "The British have only recaptured a paltry few square miles of desert and worsened the strategic position."

The latest line taken up is that "the full weight of the British Empire, is being used against Italy. We are proud of the honour." Other items have crept into Radio Roma news,

too trivial for a broadcast bulletin. Reports of shops being closed for offences against price regulations, of sentences against hoarders. They are obviously used as a deterrent against other offenders. On December 15 the Party Secretary, Adolfo Sereno, called all the regional secretaries of the central and northern provinces, telling them to intensify their work. More money was to be spent on assistance funds and every effort was to be made to extirpate defeatists and dissentients. Party sections are to remain open in future day and night to "render assistance."

FROM the foregoing it will be seen that the Duce does not feel too sure of his position, and realises that he may have to judiciously by the frantic efforts of the Rome Radio to stem the deterioration of Italian morale, one might anticipate a climax in case the Greeks smash through, or the overrunning of Tripolitania by the British. Certainly, when the moment arrives there will be no hospitable Bellerophon to save Mussolini from the wrath of his deluded followers. The most likely solution will be the Blackshirts' pride: the dagger.

Could Build
Ideal
Shelter But—

MR FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, America's greatest architect, has been awarded Britain's Royal Gold Medal for Architecture.

He is the man who designed the first quake-proof building—the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo. Completed in 1919, it was derided by many critics. But four years later they had to eat their words.

The quake of 1923 destroyed nearly everything in Tokyo. But not even a wall of Lloyd Wright's hotel was cracked.

Views on London

Two years ago—before war began—he visited London and this is what he thought of it: "It interests me as a museum piece, but as a modern city, it is not fit for human habitation."

"Your Government is making plans for evacuating the city. Why not evacuate it for good? There is plenty of room on this green earth for everybody."

He said he could build for the capital a perfectly bomb-proof shelter. "But why should I?" he added. "If statesmen cannot solve the problem at its source, civilisation is hardly worth saving."

CATHOLICS
VILIFIED
BY NAZIS

A sensational book has just been published in London. Its German title is "Der Todfeind Des Christentums," or The Persecution of the Catholic Church in the Third Reich.

For some time the relation of the Pope to the present war has been made the subject of shrewd and effective Axis propaganda. Many Catholics in Britain have been gravely perturbed and a prominent London newspaper urged that the position of the Vatican should be clarified.

When His Holiness recently blessed a large congregation at St. Peter's and urged them to be faithful servants of their Fatherland, the newspaper reports made it appear that the congregation consisted entirely of Italian Officers which was, of course, not true.

Subsequently a report was issued from Berlin that the leaders of the Catholic Church in the Third Reich had sent a message to Hitler thanking him for his tolerance towards them and, by keeping the enemy at the gates, permitting them to get on with their Christian tasks.

Concordat?

Further reports indicated that Hitler would place the whole of Europe with its new order under the spiritual domain of the Pope. In other words a concordat seemed to be in the process of accomplishment between the Vatican and the Nazis.

But now, like a bombshell, comes "Der Todfeind Des Christentums" with its documented charges against the Nazis, and its sensational proofs that Hitler regards the Catholic Church as a greater enemy than the Jews.

In fact some of the anti-Catholic cartoons in this book, reproduced from German papers, have all the virulent coarseness with which the Jew was lampooned and libelled. One of the present Pope is so offensive that I cannot describe it in detail. It is sufficient to say that Humanity is portrayed as a woman of an obvious class with his Holiness as her admirer. This is taken from Das Schwartz Korps of July 22, 1937.

Pope's Goodness

I am not a Catholic but on the occasion of Mr Chamberlain's visit to Rome I had the privilege of a long private audience with the Secretary of State at the Vatican, the then Cardinal Pacelli. It is not for me to reveal what was said between us on that occasion, but seldom have I been so impressed with the essential goodness of a man. To him the people of the world were one family, and their sufferings were his sorrow.

Because of that interview I have refused to believe that he has changed in his attitude towards the Axis and especially Germany. The position of the Vatican and Fascism is complicated by a clause in the famous Concordat whereas the Vatican agreed to take no sides in a war involving Italy. That is an understandable concession based on the reality of the Vatican being physically a section of the Italian State.

But as I read the revelations in this German book of the persecution of priests, the banning of Catholic Youth movements, the poisoning of the child mind, the denunciation of self control as a crime against nature and the State, and the delineation of the Pope as a Communist and a criminal—then I know that there can be no peace of the spirit between the Vatican and the Wilhelmstrasse.

So far Dr Goebbels has made no reply to the British publication of "Der Todfeind Des Christentums."

The documented accuracy of the book probably presents a problem which may prove too difficult even for the adroit brain of Germany's Propaganda Minister.

Beverley

Baxter, M.P.

Ultimate Supreme Court

JAPAN'S PARTIES

N.S.A. Appeals To Industry

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, March 19 (Domei).—The National Service Association made a definite bid for accelerating the control of key industries along the lines of wartime economy when a joint conference of the Government, the Association and civilian representatives was held to-day.

Present at the meeting were Count Reiger Arima, Director-General, and Mr. Tadayoshi Kobata, Director of the Planning Bureau, of the N.S.A., officials of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Planning Board, Mr. Hachiroburo Hirose, President of the Japan Iron Manufacturing Company, and Mr. Yoshikazu Hata, Chairman of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

An informal exchange was taken by the conference urging the managers of important industries to co-operate with the National Service Association in promoting the control of various industrial branches, reorganizing enterprises, systems, and consolidating the entire economy into an organic whole.

Ex-Party Leaders

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, March 19 (Domei).—Four former leaders of defunct political parties, Mr. Chuji Machida, Minister President, Mr. Fumio Kato, head of the "orthodox" Seiyukai, Mr. Chikuhai Nishijima, chief of the "reformist" Seiyukai, and Mr. Kenzo Adachi, president of the Kokumin Domei, all Cabinet Councillors, this afternoon met at the Premier's residence to discuss the question of reforming the National Service Association.

AGRICULTURE IN CHINA

Conference Adjourns
CHUNGKING, Mar. 19 (Central News).—The Agricultural and Forestry Conference was adjourned yesterday after a seven-day session.

A three-year administrative project for the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and a programme for agricultural extension and improvement were adopted.

Resolutions passed included the holding of a national agricultural products exhibition and an agricultural products contest, promotion of agricultural education, fixation of an estimated expenditure for the promotion of agriculture and forestry, the establishment of a factory for the manufacture of farming implements, and a national forestry station, promotion of animal husbandry and veterinary medicine and development of agricultural economy.

China Oil Exports
CHUNGKING, Mar. 19 (Central News).—Szechwan wood oil sent abroad through Chungking last month reached a daily average of some 315 quintals as against 8,825 quintals were exported. Although the total quantity is slightly less than the January export (8,935 quintals), the daily average exceeds that of the previous month by 25 quintals.

CHUNGKING TO CHITTAGONG

Chinese Start Road Survey

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Mar. 19 (Domei).—A group of Chinese engineers left Chungking on Tuesday for southern Sikkim Province to begin surveys for a highway from Ningyuan to Sadya in Assam, India, a Chungking dispatch to the New York "Times" said.

If constructed, the 1,000-mile highway will open a new backdoor to China connecting the upper Yangtze with the railway running northward in India from Chittagong. The route will cross mountains 20,000 feet high and the construction will be the most difficult.

Petain's Broadcast

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GRENOBLE, Mar. 19 (UP).—In a broadcast here to-night, Marshal Petain stated: "France to-day is subjected to great difficulties and is menaced by even more severe measures. She can only emerge from them through the most rigorous discipline."

"It is my duty to prepare for the day when France will be free again under a new constitution. I am believing that pillar day by day."

Impoverished Larder
VICHY, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—France's hopes of American aid to relieve her food shortage were voiced by Marshal Petain in a broadcast speech at Grenoble to-day.

"The Government had a heavy task and was especially concerned with the shortage of supplies and stocks."

"We are counting greatly on American aid to relieve the shortage," he declared.

France was undergoing great difficulties and her life was threatened with still more severe measures but "we are working more and producing more."

Dutch Premier At White House

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP).—Dr. van Kleffens, Premier of the exiled Netherlands Government, accompanied by Dr. Louden the Netherlands Ambassador and Mr. Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, today paid a visit to President Roosevelt at the White House.

Later, Dr. van Kleffens said the conversations dealt broadly with world affairs and he praised President Roosevelt's direction of the Lend and Lease programme saying: "It is an admirable instance of the President's governing capacity."

M. Welles, the Dutch Minister of Colonies will accompany him on his trip to Batavia.

London's Busmen

LONDON, Mar. 19 (British Wire).—While only 72 of the members of staff of London Passenger Transport Board serving with H.M. forces had been killed or died on active service up to last December, 110 had been killed by enemy action and 322 had been while engaged in performance of their ordinary duties.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	440
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	24 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104 1/2
T.T. France	102 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	102 1/2
T.T. Australia	1 1/2

BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s L/C India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

BRITAIN JOINS WITH HOLLAND

Lord Simon And Prince Bernhard

LONDON, Mar. 19 (British Wire).—Proposing the toast of Princess Juliana and the Royal Family of the Netherlands at the Royal Empire Society luncheon to-day, Lord Simon paid an eloquent tribute to the devotion to the cause of freedom displayed by the Dutch people from the earliest times.

"History scarcely provides a parallel to the treachery with which, under cover of friendship, Hitler first introduced his agents into the Netherlands and then overwhelmed her with assaults from within and without."

"It will be enough if I mention one episode from the story of that treachery campaign the murder from the air of the helpless civilian population of Rotterdam."

"As long as there are free men alive in the world, that crime will remain an indelible stain on the pages of history. One day the Germans will learn what free and brave men have always known—that you cannot destroy a nation or bend it to your will by murdering its people and setting fire to its cities."

Future Ties
Replying, Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands made a touching reference to the loyalty of the British people rallied round the Crown and ready to stake all for victory of the principles on which the British Empire was built.

"Our close community of interest, centuries old, has grown since we joined arms against the common enemy. Many great responsibilities we share and I believe that the influence of our present brotherhood in arms may reach far beyond the war issue of the moment. It is my heartfelt wish that the close ties of friendship and co-operation which now link Great Britain and the Netherlands may always be maintained."

Butler Estimates Nazi Depredations
Bulgaria but no estimates were available.

Norway's burden was the heaviest, amounting to over one-third of her pre-war national income.

Young Plan Comparison
Mr Butler recalled that the maximum annual demand from Germany ever contemplated under the Young Plan was £125,000,000 or less than one third of the present French payment.

A further burden, said Mr Butler, comprises exports from occupied countries to Germany. They are obliged to send more goods to Germany than they receive in return and the surplus is paid for in "blocked marks" from which no benefit is derived now nor is likely to be derived in future.

Even though the occupied territories have already been denuded of most of the readily exportable surpluses, Mr Butler added, the total annual loss to the western occupied territories may still be estimated at about £100,000,000.

RAID ON LONDON
housers, shops, two cinemas being demolished.

Another northeast coast town was bombed last night for several hours starting at dusk and heavy casualties are feared. Two large fires were started.

The Hemingway
Says "PM":—Before Ernest Hemingway left for the Orient, where he will be "PM's" correspondent, he learned that the editorial staff of the Toronto "Star" where he once worked—until he was fired—is on the verge of a strike. He thereupon sent the Toronto Newspaper Guild \$200 and his blessings.

BILL PASSED
WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP).—The House has passed the seven billion dollar aid bill.

Italian Affairs In House

Ethiopia & Albania

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day said that the British Government naturally condemned the Italian Army's taking hostages. Some 200 Greeks and 250 Albanians in the Epirus and southern Albania, including leading citizens, priests, women and children and old men, were marched to concentration camps.

The action was contrary to international law, Mr Butler said.

No Request Made
LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—Dealing with Italian non-combatants in Abyssinia, Mr R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day recalled that an Italian request for safe conduct was the prerequisite for British action and no such request had been made.

Junior Badminton
K.C.C. And St John's To Play-off

DEFEATING St Andrew's in their last fixture in the "B" Section of the Junior Badminton Division, the Kowloon Cricket Club have earned the right to play-off with St John's for the first place of that section.

Each of these two teams have suffered defeat once, and complete their fixtures with a total of 14 points, having won seven of their eight matches.

Score in last night's match between the K.C.C. and St Andrew's was 6-3.

Carol Sends For Luggage
MADRID, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—Luggage and four dogs belonging to ex-King Carol and Madame Lupescu which they left behind at Seville when they escaped to Portugal, are being collected by the Portuguese Count de Mofra who has arrived at Seville from Lisbon.

The Count is also settling Carol's outstanding accounts. He first had an interview with the Chief of the Seville Police.

COTTAGE CLUB PAPER HUNT
THE COTTAGE CLUB will hold a Paper Hunt on Saturday, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

It is hoped that as many riders as possible will turn out for this event, details of which will be published later in the week. Ponies will be drawn in the usual manner.

New Chief Scout
LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—Lord Somers, who recently succeeded Lord Baden-Powell as Chief Scout of Great Britain, is now appointed Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth.

BALKAN JEWS
LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—The Colonial Under-Secretary, Mr George Hall, disclosed in the House of Commons to-day that permits had been issued for 700 Rumanian Jews to go to Palestine. He fore-shadowed the possibility of similar action regarding Bulgarian Jews.

Strike Settled
SHANGHAI, Mar. 20 (UP).—The International Settlement buses and trams were functioning to-day after the bus drivers had returned to work last night following a walkout lasting several hours. Simultaneously there was a strike of bus and tram drivers in the French Concession, and they are still on strike this morning.

Communal Clash
Dacca, INDIA, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—Nine were killed and 87 were wounded in communal clashes arising from a bazaar brawl which led to rioting. The Police fired on a mob attempting to set fire to a shop and wounded nine.

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Next Week's Badminton Programme

The following is next week's programme of matches in the Hongkong badminton Championships, the first of which will take place at Kowloon Cricket Club:

MONDAY, MARCH 24 (KOWLOON C.C.)

Mixed Doubles.—P. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro v. J. Odell and Miss J. Chua (7 p.m.); P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo v. J. J. Remedios and Mrs. Silva (9 p.m.).

Men's Senior Singles.—C. Au v. F. Koh (7.30 p.m.).

Men's Junior Singles.—R. M. Lavallo v. Peter Lo (8.45 p.m.).

Men's Senior Doubles.—S. Ainsworth and C. K. Cheah v. M. P. and Y. P. Loong (8.15 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MARCH 25 (TAIKOO)

Men's Junior Singles.—J. Odell v. M. Talon (8 p.m.); P. A. Vannovich v. H. Dingsdale (8.45 p.m.); D. Chelliah v. W. C. Chung (10 p.m.).

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FRIDAY, MARCH 28 (RECREIO)

Men's Junior Singles.—H. S. Jones v. P. C. Leung (7 p.m.); A. L. Fisher v. Peter Lo or R. M. Lavallo (7.45 p.m.); N. L. Smith v. P. Wynter-Blyth (8.30 p.m.); J. L. Anderson v. J. Hooi or F. Zimmerman (8.15 p.m.); E. Gillespie v. D. Chelliah or W. C. Chung (10 p.m.).

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Players are requested to be present and ready to play 10 minutes before the scheduled time.

Inter-Unit Cricket
R.E.'s Qualify To Meet Small Units In Final

THE ROYAL ENGINEERS qualified to meet the Combined Small Units in the final of the Large Units Knock-out cricket tournament yesterday when they beat the Royal Artillery by 11 runs.

Lieut. T. A. Pearce, Interporter, represented the Artillery and took 4 for 40 and knocked up 36 before being bowled by Denyer. Lieut. A. G. Plummer, however, was top-scorer for the Gunners with an excellent 43, when he was bowled by Moxson who eventually took 5 for 40. Denyer claimed 4 for 46.

Scores were:—R. Engineers—128 (Moxson 30, Ratcliffe 28, A. Pearce 4 for 40).

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Matsuoka's Visit: Rome Comment
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ROME, Mar. 19 (UP).—A front page editorial in the "Popolo di Roma," commenting on the visit of Mr Matsuoka, hints that the Axis may influence Japan to examine the possibility of peace with Chungking.

It says that if the United States sends help to China, the Japanese will sink the ships. The paper also declared that Mr Matsuoka's trip is connected with Washington's "warlike" attitude.

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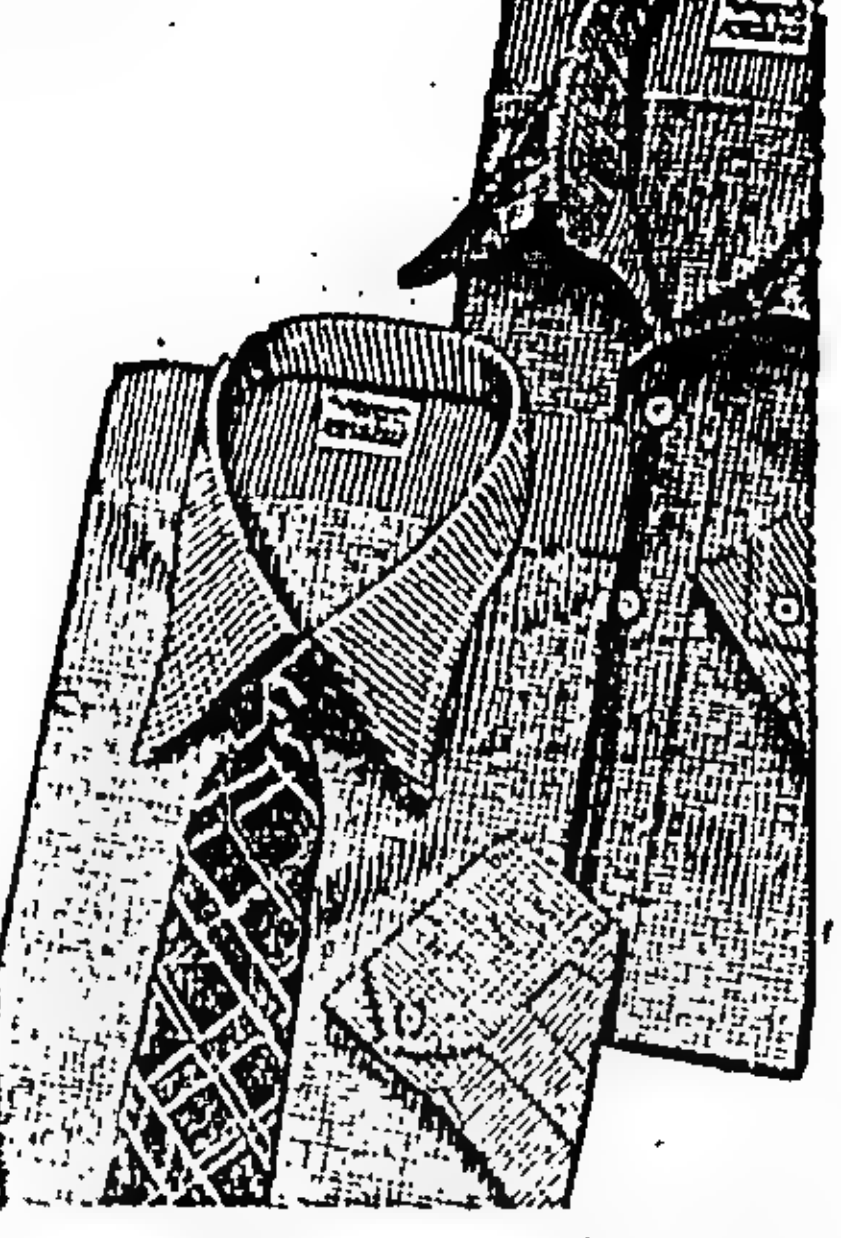
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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes Most Important Position

Centre-halves May Make Or Break A Team's Combination

Two Fundamental Duties

THE TWO CHIEF DUTIES of a centre-half are to mark the opposing centre-forward closely, and, in attack, to follow up his own forwards and keep them well fed with passes.

Nothing that has happened in hockey during the last twenty years has done anything to minimise the importance of these two rules. If he fails in either, the whole side is liable to go to pieces; hence the tremendous responsibility that rests on him and makes his the most important position on the field.

Either of these duties alone would not be difficult to perform, but the execution and combination of both makes play in this position a fascinating problem, in fact an art.

With a task of this magnitude, it is clear that a player in this position must be one of rather exceptional skill in certain directions; chiefly, perhaps, in the use of his stick. He should be master of all strokes; he should be able to hit accurately and quickly to either left or right, for from the forwards' point of view it is a matter of inches that makes all the difference; he should be master of the flick shot; he should be able to intercept short range passes on either side, and be able to get rid of the ball to advantage whenever he feels it on the end of his stick. He should never be robbed of the ball.

Needles To Despair

THIS sounds a lot, and too idealistic, but there is no need for youngsters to ever despair of reaching this state of efficiency, for it is surprising how quickly improvement is made when constant practice is possible.

For stick practice, one might find it useful to run with two balls, swerving right and left out always keeping them under control. This gives confidence, but proficiency of stickwork should never encourage a centre-half to indulge in dribbling or any fancy play.

A second requirement of a centre-half is stamina. It is by no means impossible for him, even in the fastest of games, to keep up with the forwards or dart back into defence, provided he knows what he should do and what he should leave to others. If he is uncertain in the use of his stick and fails in interception, or if the same is true of the wing-halves, then the running about is tremendously increased, and becomes almost impossible.

His movements and positioning make an interesting study, but practice and experience will result in efficiency.

Guiding Principles

IN a brief article it is only possible to state one of the two guiding principles that should be helpful. Assuming that the opposite forwards keep to their positions, that is, do not crowd their centre-forward, there should be no occasions for the centre-half to tackle either of those inside forwards, except in the last resort—when a shot at goal is imminent. It is the full-backs' duty to deal with these two. The centre-half should never allow himself to be lured out of place to chase an inside-forward, though if the latter offers the ball or works his way into the centre, then there is no reason why he should not take him up.

The Chief Aim

THIS does not mean that the pivot is not always on the look-out to intercept passes or clearances intended for the insides, for he will often get the ball this way, but when once the inside has the ball under control, the centre-half should run by the shortest route to get between him and his centre-forward.

His aim should always be between the opposing centre-forward and the ball—this is much easier than trying to take it off him. If the centre-forward wanders out on to the wing, it is quite safe to leave him for he will have to come back to the centre before he can become dangerous.

Sphere Of Activity

IF forwards interchange positions in approaching your circle, it is always best to mark the man opposite you in your position, and allow the full back to meet the attack if it comes from the inside positions.

It is clear then that the centre-half's sphere of activity is limited to a strip in the middle of the field, and if he does stray outside this zone he should be able to be both up and back when the occasion arises. It is, of course, necessary to have an understanding with the full-backs whom he will frequently expect to advance to meet and attack while he, himself, is dropping back.

Defence Of The Circle

IN defence, near the circle, there will have to be a considerable amount of elasticity in these rules—a willingness on the part of all to fill an unexpected gap.

In clearing from his own circle, a pivot will usually hit to one of his own inside forwards, and if these are ready, defence can always be quickly turned into attack. In these days of close marking, a long pass to the wings is a very rare achievement, and so should be tried whenever the opportunity arises, for even if it is intercepted, it serves to keep the opposing wing half out of the way of your own inside-forwards.

Important Maxims

THERE is, however, one occasion when a pass to a wing forward is both easy and effective; it is when there is congestion near the opposing goal-mouth, and the ball comes out to the centre-half a few yards outside the circle. If the wingers move in rapidly, a quick pass to them might result in a shot at goal.

In conclusion, there are three important maxims for the centre-half. These are: (a) Strive to become really proficient in the use of the stick; (b) Seek to attain absolute physical fitness; and (c) Be content with controlling your own part of the field, aiming at soundness rather than spectacular play.

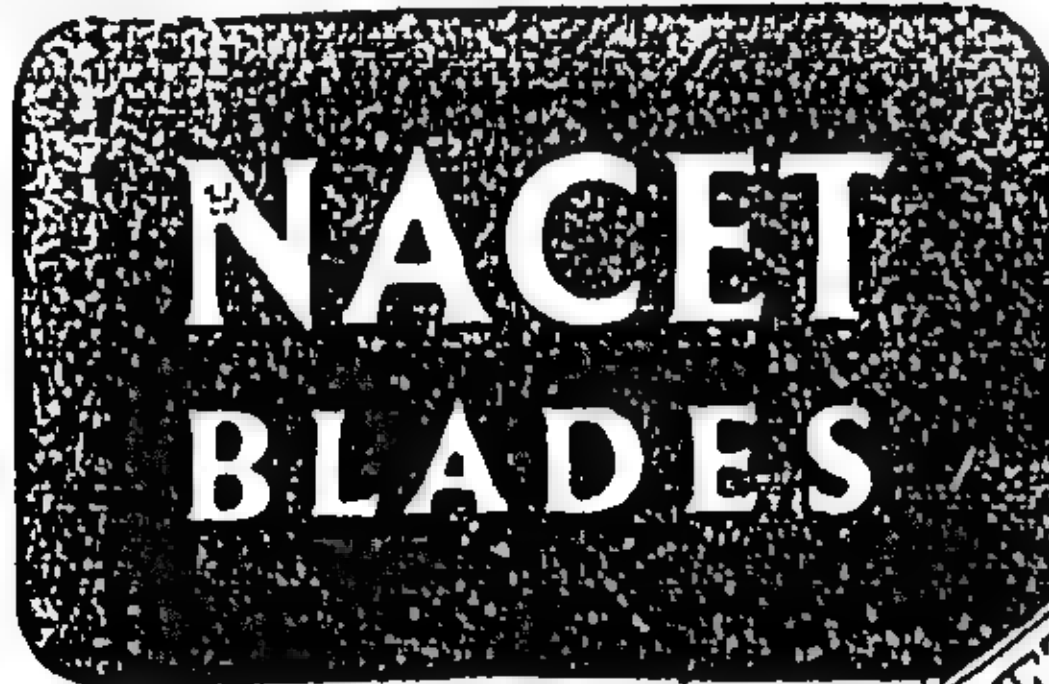
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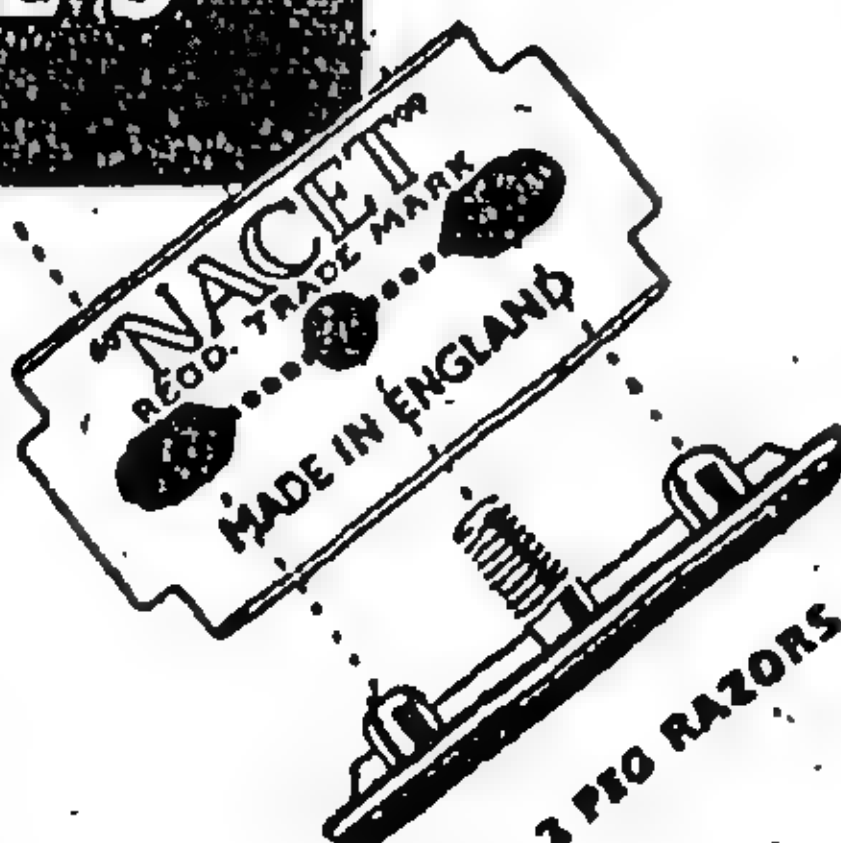
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By Order,

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Small Units Sports

Sgt Manfield Runs 220 Yards In 22 Seconds

A BRILLIANT SPRINT over 220 yards, (though the distance was later found to be two yards short) by Sergeant Manfield (R.A.F.) was the outstanding feature of the Small Units Athletic meeting held on the Army ground, Gascoigne Road, yesterday. His time was 22 secs dead.

Object of the meeting was to select a team to represent the Combined Small Units in the Hongkong Area championships, and in this several fine athletes have been discovered. Sgt Manfield also covered the 100 yards in 10.4 secs, while Sgt Lewis ran the mile in 5 mins 25 secs, and won the 3 miles in 18 mins 20 secs. In the field, Sgt Bennett won the high jump at 5 ft 1 in and took first place in the discus throw with 78 ft 11½ ins.

The invitation mile team relay for four runners was won by Middlesex A from Middlesex V in a thrilling finish, La Salle College coming fourth to Middlesex B.

Results

100 Yards Sprint.—1. Sgt Manfield (R.A.F.); 2. Sgt Bennett (R.A.C.); 3. Dvr Brown (R.A.S.C.); Time 10.4 secs.

220 Yards Sprint.—1. Sgt Manfield (R.A.F.); 2. Sgt Bennett (R.A.C.); 3. Dvr Brown (R.A.S.C.); Time 22 secs.

1 Mile.—1. Sgt Lewis (R.A.C.); 2. Sgt Bennett (R.A.C.); 3. Dvr Brown (R.A.S.C.); Time 5 mins 25 secs.

3 Miles.—1. Sgt Bennett (R.A.C.); 2. Sgt Bennett (R.A.C.); 3. Dvr Brown (R.A.S.C.); Time 18 mins 20 secs.

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Quadrangular Tourney

British Army Defeat Indian Army 3-1 At Shumshuipo

AFTER A FAST and most interesting match, the British Army defeated the Indian Army 3-1 at Shumshuipo on Tuesday last in one of the best games played in the Tournament this season.

The Indians began in great style and for fully ten minutes showed a marked superiority in all departments. But Lofty Dove, in goal for the Britishers, rose to the occasion with some well-timed clearances.

In as many minutes, however, the British Army took up the offensive and from a free hit just outside the circle, Croston scored with a terrific drive.

Following this, Shaw and Hitchcock were seen in a pretty movement, the latter sending Sheehan through to increase the lead with a nice cross-shot. The British Army were two goals ahead at the interval. They had much the better of the play in this half, and their speed and excellent understanding gave the Indians many anxious moments.

Accident

AFTER the change of ends, an unfortunate accident occurred. Hitchcock, who was playing brilliantly at centre-forward, received a nasty crack on the hand which necessitated his changing places with Singleton on the left wing.

He was a passenger for the rest of the game, and it was discovered later that two bones in his left hand were fractured. Due to these changes, the Indian Army had more of the game territorially, but the finishing of their forwards lacked thrust, and promising movements seldom looked dangerous.

In a breakaway, however, Croston scored the best goal of the match from a most difficult angle to increase the British lead to 3-0. Then the Indian Army pulled out a little better pace, and although they were not to starve their right wing, they had most of the game from then onwards. With no letting up, and with the Britishers on the defensive, the match All eventually reduced the deficit with a fine hard shot.

Individuals

SHAW, inside-left, gave an excellent display of inside forward play. Sheehan, inside-right, constantly found his way through the defence, and proved extremely elusive. Croston and Waldron formed a brilliant half-back

Tournament Tennis

Ho Ka-lau Defeated By K. H. Yip

K. H. YIP, tennis champion of the South China A.A., produced what to some was the first surprise of the Colony tennis championships when he eliminated Ho Ka-lau 6-1, 6-1 in the matches at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday.

Yip's courtcraft and steady accuracy that gained him his Club honours were much in evidence yesterday. He is a player who gives promise of going a long way in the tournament.

Paul Kong, veteran Davis Cup player, showed he has lost little of his old style when, partnered with Fung Yee-pui, he beat P. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling in two straight sets. His volleys were particularly fine to watch.

George Choi, one of the most promising of the younger players but who has been absent from the courts for some time, made a return in partnership with A. V. Remedios, and easily accounted for A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong in two straight sets.

Results were: Singles.—K. H. Yip beat Ho Ka-lau 6-1, 6-1. Doubles.—Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui beat P. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling 6-4, 6-3. C. Choi and A. V. Remedios beat A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong 6-2, 4-1. B. and I. Anstot beat Fung Chiam and Lee Kam-ming 6-2, 6-0. B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Low received a walk-over from W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell. Club Handicap.—T. C. Monaghan beat P. Wynter-Blyth 6-3, 6-3.

Badminton Walk-Over

Kowloon Tong received a walk over from Police in the B Division of the Badminton League last night when the visitors failed to field a team.

Sound Defence

THE Police defence were just as sound, but were overworked in the second half when South China made good use of their wingers. With the result that their wing halves were unable to cope with the situations presented. Gough paid far too much attention to Lee Wai-long, so much so that the Chinese insidemen were not very much molested.

Blackburn played up well, his clearing and tackling very often had South China at a standstill. His partner, Chan Kwong-yu was a great help, and though they found themselves beaten, they kept content with the knowledge that they lost to a very much better team.

In attack, the Police forwards were not so sound. Wong Man-kwai was not a very steady leader, but their insidemen, Howlett and Ferrier were great triers, often going through on their own to threaten Tam Kwan-hon's charge.

Both wingers put in their share of work, and Gordon was not himself in the second half when he took the field, the jar he received in a collision with Tse Kam-hung in the first half was evidently having ill effects on him. There was not the same co-ordination in their attack as was evidenced in the Chinese.

With the exception of the first few minutes of the game, South China were not very much superior to their opponents. The game was very evenly contested in the first half with both defences standing out. Tam Kwan-hon saved nicely from Moss and Tsang Wing had no difficulty in clearing. Chow Man-chi's weak attempt at goal. Lee Wai-long when well placed raced through only to stumble on the ball.

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This goal put new vigour into South China's attack and they kept up pressure. Chan Tak-fai again scored when he went through off a pass from Lee Shek-yau. The Police were on the defensive during this period, and only the sterling work put in by their defenders staved off further scoring. However, Chow Man-chi was sent away on the left and his punting shot was held by Tsang Wing; the referee ruled that the ball had passed the line and awarded a further goal to South China.

Thereafter South China slackened up, and after Chan Tak-fai scored their fourth goal, Police went to the attack with persistence, and were rewarded when Howlett broke through to reduce the arrears. Soon after Ferrier reduced the arrears still further when he beat Tam Kwan-hon with a well placed shot. From then onwards the Police were trying their hardest to obtain goals, and South China were keeping them out with great success. The forwards had several attempts at goal but Tsang Wing was equal to the occasion.

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South China Take League Honours For Third Year

Brilliant Forwards Gain Deserved 4-2 Victory Over Police

(By "SCRAMBLER")

EASTERN BADE FAREWELL to their Senior League aspirations yesterday at Caroline Hill when South China in their final league game of the season inflicted a decisive win by four goals to two over Police, thereby becoming the 1940/41 league Champions, and incidentally completing their "hat-trick".

Although beaten, the Police played a very fine game, especially in the first half, when they more than held their own. The score at this period was nil, and it was only in the second period of the game that they succumbed to superior tactical play. On the whole, South China gave a more polished display, and thoroughly deserved the honours.

The whole of the South China team came up to scratch, and each player pulled his weight at the right moment. There was hardly a weak link in their line up, and though Lee Wai-long was not given very much scope, he made openings galore for his forwards. The wingers made excellent use of their speed, and winged across beautiful passes, and the goals scored were primarily from passes by Lee Shek-yau.

The insidemen, Chan Tak-fai and Chow Man-chi were seen to excellent advantage in their foraging, and between the two of them they bagged the four goals. Chan Tak-fai being a great opportunist, whereas Chow Man-chi was a great schemer and worried the Police defence not a little.

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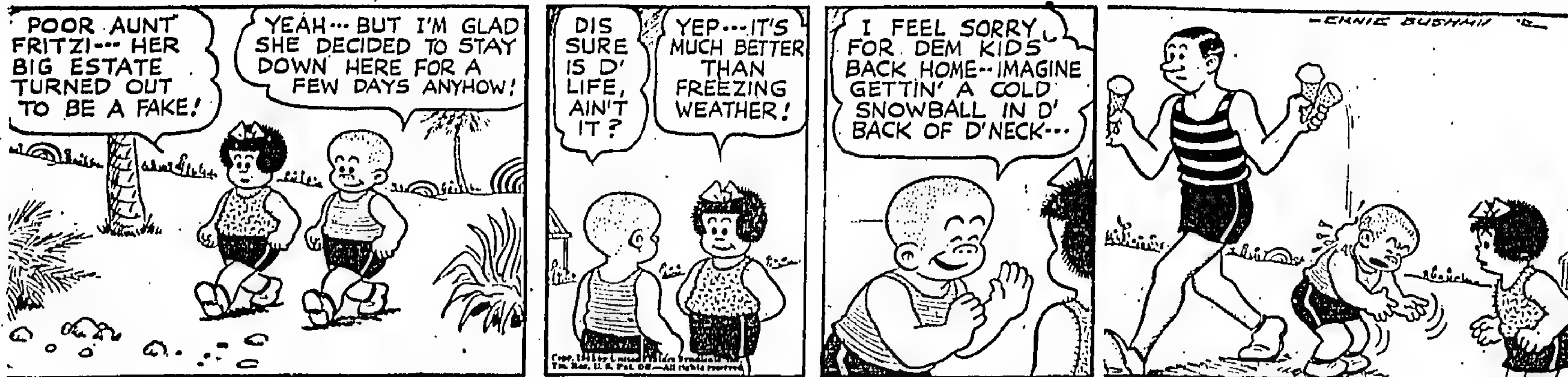
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NANCY



Sampan Racket Disclosed

Victimization of passengers traveling on sampans from ship to shore was revealed in the Marine Court this morning, after four sampan mistresses had been found guilty of concealing their sampan licence numbers while in the Western Anchorage yesterday.

They were ordered to pay \$7 or undergo seven days imprisonment by Comdr. T. C. SHIP.

Sergeant L. Haynes said that various reports had been made to the Police recently by passengers who said that when the sampan was between the ship and the shore, a demand was made for more money than the fee agreed upon. Threats to throw the passengers overboard were made if they did not pay up. The sampans could not be traced as they had their licence numbers concealed.

Finland's Hero

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Field Marshal Baron Gustaf Mannerheim, virtual founder of modern Finland, who commanded the Finnish forces against Russia in 1939, became ill some days ago, states a Helsinki dispatch to Berlin.

He is 73.

Boris Taken For A Ride By Germans

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—King Boris of Bulgaria has been participating in the military exercises of German armoured divisions, according to a Bulgarian news agency.

King Boris also took part in the operations of German air squadrons to-day when he was accompanied by his brother, Prince Cyril, and the Bulgarian Minister for War, General Daskoff.

* King Boris is known for his interest in railway engines.

MEXICO EXPROPRIATION

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Questions regarding Mexico were put to Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day.

Having stated that hitherto no suggestion for a fair and equitable settlement was made by the Mexican Government, Mr. Butler was further asked: "When is this unfortunate affair expected to be settled?"

Mr. Butler replied: "When a suggestion is made to us for a fair and equitable settlement."

Questions obviously referred to the expropriation of foreign oil companies' properties.

Germans & Soviets Draw The Line

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The present negotiations between Germany and Soviet Russia are concerned with boundary adjustments, said a German Foreign Office spokesman to-day.

He added that the visit of the Soviet Ambassador to the Wilhelmstrasse to-day was a matter of usual routine.

Two-Ocean Navy Getting Under Way

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The Senate Appropriations Committee to-day unanimously approved the \$3,447,000,000 bill to help finance America's two-ocean navy.

The bill, which provides for the construction of six new-type battle cruisers, has passed the House of Representatives and the Senate begins its consideration to-morrow.

Lease And Lend Act

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives has passed the bill appropriating \$1,750,000,000 for the purposes of the Lease and Lend Act.

The voting in favour of the appropriation was 360 to 55.

VIKING SPIRIT

Although the Norwegian freighter Keret sank within 30 seconds when torpedoed by a German submarine in the Atlantic, a few members of the crew escaped drowning by clinging to a raft which broke loose from the sinking ship. As the survivors lay tossing upon heavy seas, the U-boat approached them.

"What ship was that we torpedoed?" "Keret, of Bergen."

"How many tons?" "Twenty-one hundred."

"Thanks and goodbye!" And the submarine disappeared.

Shortly afterwards a British destroyer sighted the floating raft and came alongside. But the Norwegians were not concerned with being rescued.

"Go after the U-boat first! We can wait."

For eight hours the sailors waited in the wintry north Atlantic. Then the destroyer returned, after locating and sinking the submarine, and rescued the patient Vikings.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS LATEST DONATIONS TO THE BOMBER FUND

A total of \$1,693,001.62 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

Police Recreation Club (twelfth donation) \$40

Members of the British Sports Club \$100

Mr. M. G. Carrington (monthly donation) 13

Indian and Chinese Police Guards (fifth donation) 71.00

"Vint-et-un" 2

P.K.I. (sixth donation) 250

Treasury "Singapore" Box (week ended 15.4.41) 3.20

The sum of \$12 has been received from the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club, being a donation in lieu of bouquets to the following who are taking part in "Sarah Simble"—Mr. W. A. Mackintosh, Miss Day Sage and Miss Joan Critchley.

CHINESE CLAIM SINKING OF TRANSPORT

SOUTH ANHWEI, Mar. 19 (Central News).—Another Japanese naval transport has gone to the bottom of the Yangtze sunk by Chinese mobile artillery units.

The vessel, fully loaded with military supplies and provisions, was passing Hsinshokow south-east of Anking on March 13, when it was spotted and shelled. Several direct hits were scored on the vessel and it was sunk with all its complement and cargo on board.

North Kiangsi

NORTH KIANGSI, Mar. 19 (Central News).—Heavy fighting is developing in northern Kiangsi, where a Japanese force of 8,000 men, supported by 30 tanks and over ten planes, has been attacking the Chinese line at Fensin since March 14.

In order to induce the Japanese to penetrate deeper and lengthen their line, the Chinese withdrew from the Fensin-Kaoan line to more advantageous positions. After completing preparations, the Chinese on March 17 launched a vigorous counter-attack, which has held up the advance. The Japanese left wing has been thrown back with losses.

Intercepted From Waichow

WAICHOW, Mar. 19 (Central News).—A Japanese detachment which landed at Hsaying on the coast in Waichow in the afternoon of March 17 and pushed inland in two columns was intercepted by the Chinese and repulsed.

Another Japanese unit at Sunwei which pushed westward under the cover of darkness on March 18 met with a similar fate.

South Anhwei

CHUNGKING, Mar. 19 (Central News).—The Japanese garrison at Yangchashan, a strategic height south of Tungliu in southern Anhwei, was attacked and decimated by a Chinese mobile column in a surprise night raid on March 16.

Norwegian Church Indicts Nazidom

The State Church of Norway has taken a courageous and significant stand against the "new order" which the Nazis and their puppets have been attempting to impose upon the Norwegian people.

All seven bishops of the Norwegian Church have signed a document addressed to Acting Minister Ragnar Stencke, of the Department of Church and Education, in which they demand a clarification of the Church's place in German-dominated Norway.

At the same time they frankly indict the present regime in Oslo, accusing the puppet authorities of openly encouraging acts of violence and of contempt for the law.

Admiral Esteva

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Admiral Esteva, Resident-General at Tunis, former C-in-C. French Naval Forces in the Far East, has arrived at Vichy to confer with members of the French Government, according to the Swiss radio.

Garrisoning Norway

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Germans are planning to place garrisons on the hundred of islands along the Norwegian coast, according to information from Norway. If this plan is put into operation, a very large number of German troops will be immobilised.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$.....1,340 n.

H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....75 n.

H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....77 n.

Chartered £.....87½ n.

Mercantile, A. & B. £.....21½ n.

Mercantile C. £.....10½ n.

East Asia \$.....70 n.

INSURANCES

Canton \$.....215 b.

Union \$.....425 b.

China Underwriters \$.....1 n.

H.K. Fire \$.....170 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$.....135 n.

Steamboats \$.....10 n.

Indo-China P. \$.....80 n.

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Chinese Envoy's Fighting Speech

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although for more than two years we fought a rather lonely fight.

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The Ambassador did not deny that there was friction between the Government and the Communists though he said that it was greatly exaggerated by Japanese propaganda. Moreover, he was confident that the Communists, realising the supreme necessity for internal unity, would continue to accord the Government co-operation and support as they had pledged themselves to do when the war began.

Miraculous Development

After surveying Chinese military successes of the past six months, Dr Quo specially drew attention to the almost miraculous development of the natural riches in south-west and north-west China since the Chinese Government had been established in Chungking, the consequences of which for China's future influence in Asia may well out-weigh all other fruits of war.

The Ambassador, whose reputation as an orator has been long established in London, was in fine form. The large audience generally agreed that he had never delivered a better speech, and it was punctuated by frequent applause, especially his references to President Roosevelt, Mr Winston Churchill and the formidable growth of the Chinese forces which are now holding a million Japanese inextricably bogged in China.

America To Supply Small Naval Craft

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Messers and Cyrus Chang, Vice President of the United States Rubber Company.

The Executive Order provides that labour disputes will be referred to the Mediation Board whenever the Secretary of Labour certifies that a controversy had arisen, "threatening to burden or obstruct the production of transportation equipment or materials essential to national defence."

Chairman Named

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP).—Clarence Dylketa has been named as Chairman of the new Mediation Board.

FINANCING FREE FRENCH

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the control of the Council of Defence of the French Empire, which will be in a position, if necessary, to use the surplus exchange resources of one colony to meet the deficit of another, or for the Free French forces as a whole.

From Pondicherry

PONDICHERRY, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The first batch of volunteers from French India left last night to join the Free French forces.

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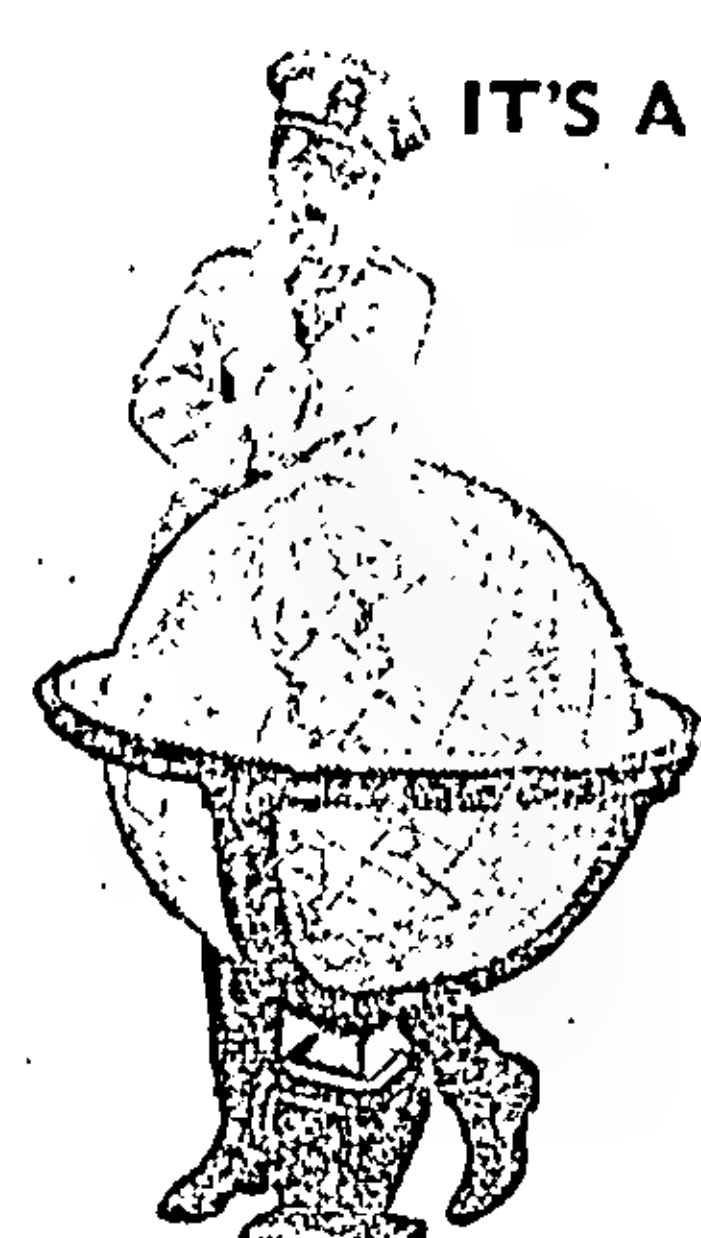



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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP).—The House to-day overwhelmingly approved the seven billion dollar appropriation bill to finance President Roosevelt's all-out British aid programme.

The measure now goes to the Senate where the appropriations sub-committee will begin hearings to-morrow and the majority leader, Senator Alben Barkley, hopes to start the debate early next week, and then expects a final vote after two or three days discussion. No concerted fight is planned by the non-interventionists.

A coalition of Republicans and Democrats beat down every attempt to reduce the fund or curtail its expenditure before it passed the House. A similar drive will be made in the Senate but the party leaders declare that it will fail.

The roll call vote on the seven billion dollar appropriation bill was 336 to 55.

The measure is designed to carry out the policy which Congress fixed when it passed the Lend and Lease Bill; therefore, it is another step in the transformation of the United States "into an arsenal of Democracy."

Not Allowed To Enlist

H. K. Police Officers
And British Army

A number of Hongkong police officers unsuccessfully applied for permission to join the regular fighting forces whilst on leave in England, it was learned this morning. All those who thus applied are now back in the Colony, and have resumed their police duties.

Chief Inspector W. R. Chester-Woods told the "Telegraph" that members of the Police Force were subject to the same general ruling regarding enlistment in the armed forces as that applying to all British subjects in the East, and permission to enlist has not been granted to any Hongkong police officer.

ST LAWRENCE PROJECT

A New Agreement

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—A new agreement between the United States and Canada to begin work now on the big St Lawrence navigation and power project is announced in Washington and Ottawa to-day.

It will be presented to Congress and the Canadian Parliament simultaneously on Friday.

The immediate objectives are to increase the production of the International Rapids section of the river and provide an outlet for ship-building facilities in the Great Lakes area.

Yugo-Slavia Tries To Make The Best Of Bad Situation

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, Mar. 19 (UP).—Yugo-Slavia, which according to the most reliable sources has agreed to sign a special form of tri-power pact, made the best bid of the situation according to neutral observers.

Surrounded on three sides, soon perhaps on four, by the Axis, Yugo-Slavia is wishing to keep the ravages of war from her land, and, having a ringside seat on other recent events in the Balkan countries, was obliged to modify her armed neutrality

BRITAIN BELIEVED TO BE PREPARING A SURPRISE FOR NAZIS

Dramatic Secret Cyprus Meeting

Special to the "Telegraph"

ISTANBUL, MAR. 19 (UP).—THE TRIP TO CYPRUS OF M. SHOKRU SARAJOGLU, THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO CONFERRED WITH MR ANTHONY EDEN, HAS SET POLITICAL QUARTERS BUZZING WITH TALK ABOUT IMMINENT BRITISH ACTION WHICH MIGHT CATCH THE GERMANS UNAWARES JUST AS GENERAL WAVELL'S LIBYAN OFFENSIVE CAUGHT THE ITALIANS.

Observers believe that up to the time of the German entry into Bulgaria, both Greece and Turkey did not desire the presence of British troops, fearing that it would provoke Germany; now, however, Greece has decided to admit British troops and Turkey may do likewise.

Planes For The Defence Of China

Forty From America

SHANGHAI, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Forty American planes have arrived in China from the United States, according to a Chinese press report.

The consignment is stated to be part of the 100 aircraft for which the Chinese Government asked the United States.

In addition, the United States is reported to have agreed to sell four Flying Fortress to China and the Chungking Government hopes to reorganise its air force with American aid.

It is reported here that over 300 Japanese troops were killed at Wujiang in Hupin Province when Japanese planes mistakenly bombed their own troops.

Former Shanghai Commander Killed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 20 (Domei).—Colonel Enrico Andreoli, Commander of the Italian Savoy Grenadiers in Shanghai between 1937 and 1938, was killed in action in Albania during the early stages of the Italian-Greek conflict, according to information reaching Italian circles in Tokyo.

Japanese Birth Rate In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Mar. 20 (UP).—The Japanese newspaper "Mainichi" to-day revealed that 244 Japanese babies were born in Shanghai during February representing an increase of 10 per cent over February 1940. Boys numbered 143 and girls 101.

Neutral circles, when they had recovered from their initial surprise over the well-kept secret meeting of Eden and Sarajoglu, expressed the opinion that Turkey can safely hope to remain aloof, while the British marshal their forces in Greece against the German troops in Bulgaria. Because of this the centre of action has shifted to the eastern Mediterranean from south-eastern Europe.

These circles recalled the enigmatic statement by a highly authoritative Turkish political official to the "United Press" after Mr Eden's visit to Istanbul, that Turkey will take action to defend her independence which is menaced by German occupation of Rumania and Bulgaria when, in co-operation with Britain, she can make the most effective use of the special character of her army and geographical position.

Meeting Satisfactory

CAIRO, Mar. 19 (UP).—Authoritative British quarters stated that the meeting between Mr Anthony Eden and M. Sarajoglu was highly satisfactory. The conversations were exhaustive.

Eden and Sarajoglu arrived at Cyprus last Tuesday by air from Cairo and Ankara respectively. M. Huggess, an official of the Turkish Foreign Office, also attended. British quarters said the talks were "one more example of the intimate collaboration which is now becoming a common practice between the Turkish and British Governments."

FINANCING FREE FRENCH

—British Credits

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The British Government has formally agreed to provide credits for financing the Free French war effort.

This is one of two agreements just reached between the British Government and General de Gaulle.

The second agreement deals with foreign exchange questions between the British Empire and the Free French Empire. It re-establishes the pre-armistice parity between the pound and the franc at 170.625.

Colonial Arrangement

Each colony can freely dispose of foreign exchange, the proceeds of exports and gold production, under the control of the Council of Defence of the French Empire, which will be in a position, if necessary, to use the surplus exchange resources of one colony to meet the deficit of another, or for the Free French forces as a whole.

From Pondicherry

PONDICHERRY, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The first batch of volunteers from French India left last night to join the Free French forces.



Chinese Women Police May Be Used To Tackle Social Evil

The experiment of enlisting Chinese women police for the purpose of stamping out soliciting for prostitution in Hongkong, and then elimination of prostitutes may be attempted. In his report for the year, 1939, the Commissioner of Police says that it is considered that the time is now ripe for such an experiment.

He declares that a grave problem raised by the large number of poverty stricken refugees is that of prostitution. Certain limited areas of the Colony have become by night the haunt of a large number of prostitutes. Soliciting for prostitution has become a serious social evil, and the number and poverty of the women concerned have contributed to the spreading of venereal disease.

This problem formed the subject of an inquiry by a Committee appointed for the purpose by H.E. the Governor.

Dope Divans Increase
Another evil effect of overcrowding, poverty and unemployment is the spread of opium and heroin divans. Frequent raids are conducted on such illicit divans by both Police and Revenue officers. During 1939 there were 2,484 cases for offences against the Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, as compared with 2,081 cases in 1938.

The rise in the price of firewood and the presence here of large numbers of poverty stricken and unemployed refugees has caused an increase in the number of foresty offences. There were 2,393 cases for such offences as compared with 2,246 cases in 1938. A large number of such offences have been made by police and forestry officers, but the position is still serious.

Crimes of Violence

Disturbed conditions in China generally, and in the Kwangtung Province especially, caused a great influx of refugees into Hongkong, with the result that there was an increase in the number of crimes of violence. There were 270 outrages as compared with 139 in 1938 and some of the more serious cases have been menaced by the British Empire and the Free French Empire. It re-establishes the pre-armistice parity between the pound and the franc at 170.625.

The New Territories North and Colonial waters naturally suffered most from disturbed conditions over the border and in neighbouring waters. Hongkong and Kowloon also show an increase in outrages, while the New Territories South remained comparatively unaffected.

Petty thieving increased slightly. The total number of larcenies was 9,458 as compared with 9,411 in 1938. Of these cases, 2,055 were larceny from the person, and for this offence there were 1,425 charge cases. Very many of these offences were due to poverty.

The estimated value of property stolen during the year 1939 was \$1,000,000. **TURN to Page 5, Column Four**

They Are Beating The Luftwaffe

To paraphrase Mr Churchill's famous words, here are some of few to whom so many owe so much. They are cheery, debonair fighter plane pilots who go up in the day and at night to beat off the Nazi Luftwaffe. Their courage is high, their skill unequalled. Such men saved Britain last September, and are now assuredly driving the Germans out of the skies.

INVASION ATTEMPT IN MAY?

Japanese Officer's
Prediction

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, March 20 (Domei).—Germany will attempt a land invasion of the British Isles some time in May, Major-General Seifuku Okamura, Military Attache to the Japanese Embassy in Berlin, who arrived here on Wednesday afternoon, declared in a Press interview.

"During the past year, Germany has been preparing all its resources for the sole purpose of invading the British Isles and it is only a matter of time now for Germany really to attempt a full dress offensive," Major-General Okamura said.

"The German people are determined to establish a new order in the world and believe that their Ally Japan is in the same boat aiming at achieving a similar purpose," added Major-General Okamura.

Indian Soldiers Praised

NEW DELHI, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—An officer of the Indian Army, who has just returned from the Middle Eastern theatre of war, said that soldiers of all nationalities formed an exceedingly high opinion of the Indian soldier.

Indian officers, such as Gwalior, Baluchis, Mahardis, Sikhs, Pathans and Madrasis, including men from Dehradun, and the Viceroy's commissioned officers, all did exceedingly well and compared very favourably with those of other parts of the Empire.

LATEST

Government Wins Nightsoil Issue

When the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council met this afternoon to consider once again the question of transferring the nightsoil collecting system from private enterprise to the Government, the Unofficial Members, who had strenuously protested against the proposal, intimated that in view of the existing political situation and the gravity of the cholera epidemic, the time was not propitious for making experiments which apparently did not commend themselves to the Urban Council.

In view of that the Unofficials had decided not to oppose the resolution. In consequence of this, the resolution moved by the Hon. Mr N. L. Smith that the Chairman of the Urban Council be authorised to incur the expenditure provided in the Estimates for 1941-42 in respect of salaries and rent allowances of 2,000 nightsoil coolies, was approved, although some of the Unofficials abstained from voting.

Shanghai Gas Co.'s Petition

Shanghai, Mar. 20 (Reuter).—Following the example of the Power Company, the Shanghai Gas Company has petitioned the Municipal Council to consider measures for the curtailment of gas consumption.

See Back Page For
Further Late News.

America to Supply Britain With Small Naval Craft

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, said to-day that the initial help to Britain will be directed at supplying them with small fast craft capable of Channel work.

Want Use of Navy Yards
WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Britain has asked for the use of United States navy yards.

This information was given to-day by the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, in a statement to the press.

The United States Navy had some facilities which the British might use, he added, but no action had yet been taken in connection with the matter. **TURN to Back Page**

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TURKS STAND TO ARMS

Martial Law Vote

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The decree concerning martial law in Turkey was unanimously prolonged for a further three months at a meeting of the Turkish Grand National Assembly to-day, states the Ankara radio.

Meeting in Cyprus
CAIRO, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—"Highly satisfactory to both sides" is the description applied in authoritative British quarters here to-night to the meeting between the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Shokru Sarajoglu, in Cyprus yesterday.

"In the fortnight since their previous meeting in Ankara, much has happened; it is therefore natural that the Ministers should meet to discuss the progress made."

Cyprus pays a warm welcome to the distinguished visitors in which the Greek, British and Turkish communities have enthusiastically joined.

Balkan Situation
LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—"At Tuesday's meeting in Cyprus between Mr. Eden and Mr. Sarajoglu every aspect of the international situation was examined with special attention to the Balkan situation."

A communique stated that there was "complete agreement between the two governments in their policy in regard to all these problems."

Encouragement
ATHENS, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—"We shall have a common victory. Meanwhile we are rejoicing at your victories as if they were our own," declared the Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Shokru Sarajoglu, to a special correspondent of the Athens newspaper, "Ethinis," in Ankara.

Mr. Sarajoglu added: "The Greek deeds are magnificent and provide a glorious page in the history of humanity. I am optimistic as regards the future and am convinced that the results will be good."

"We shall probably have to go through new trials but this matters little to our people."

Commons Gets Rare Laugh
From Railway Coaches
LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Members of Parliament who were recently irritated by a notice in the railway carriage of "Not for public use" vented their sense of grievance in the House of Commons this afternoon but their resentment dissolved into roars of laughter following the explanation of the Transport Minister, Colonel J. Moore-Brabazon.

Being pressed to state what the special reasons for their reservations were, the Minister said: "The list is a rather curious one. It includes broken windows, infectious diseases and corpses."

The House tittered.
The Minister continued: "It also includes lunatics and high service officials."

The House laughed and the Minister concluded: "And finally, it includes convicts and Cabinet Ministers."

The House roared and continued in open hilarity when Labour members asked how the railway officials managed to distinguish between all these categories!

Admiral Esteva
LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Admiral Esteva, Resident-General at Tunis, former C-in-C. French Naval Forces in the Far East, has arrived at Vichy to confer with members of the French Government, according to the Swiss radio.

Calling Soldiers' Sweethearts
PARENTS, wives and sweethearts of men serving in the British Forces in Gibraltar, Malta, India and the Far East are invited by the B.I.C. to send messages to Broadcasting House to be included in the new regular weekly programme for these men.

The loss of two pointer dogs was reported to the Police yesterday by Mr. J. E. Noronha of No. 5 Victory Avenue, Homantin.

Ng Sun-wan of 176, Nathan Road, reports that at 4.30 a.m. some person entered the above premises and stole a wrist watch and a fountain pen and pencil valued at \$100.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 3RD APRIL, 1941, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1940.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 24th MARCH, 1941, to THURSDAY, the 3RD APRIL, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

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Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS, Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post	China and Macao	16 cents per copy
British Empire and Foreign		25 cents per copy
The Hongkong Telegraph	China and Macao	14 cents per copy
		16 cents Saturdays
British and Foreign		20 cents per copy
		25 cents Saturdays.

Petain's Broadcast

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
GRENOBLE, Mar. 19 (UP).—In a broadcast here to-night, Marshal Petain stated: "France to-day is subjected to great difficulties, and is menaced by even more severe measures. She can only emerge from them through the most rigorous discipline."

"It is my duty to prepare for the day when France will be free again under a new constitution. I am building that pillar day by day."

Impoverished Larder
VICIY, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—France's hopes of American aid to relieve her food shortage were voiced by Marshal Petain in a broadcast speech at Grenoble to-day.

The Government had a heavy task and was specially concerned with the shortage of supplies and stocks.

"We are counting greatly on American aid to relieve the shortage," he declared.

France was undergoing great difficulties and her life was threatened with still more severe measures but "we are working more and producing more."

Garrisoning Norway

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Germans are planning to place garrisons on the hundred of islands along the Norwegian coast, according to information from Norway. If this plan is put into operation, a very large number of German troops will be immobilised.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 24th day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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HONGKONG TELEPHONE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, the 28th day of March, 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

"95. The Directors of the Company shall not be 'less than six and not more than ten in number.'"

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1941.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1941.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10% surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,
D. W. MUNTUN,
Manager.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

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6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Variety.

7 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam.

Edwin Murrow interviews Allstar Cook.

7.30 Hawaiian Selections.

8 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Derickson (Tenor) and Brown (Piano).

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 Military Band Concert with Dennis Noble (Baritone).

9 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Compositions of Eric Coates.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10 London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things."

10.15 Piano Interlude.

10.21 Hungarian Rhapsody No. 11—Mareel Cimply.

10.26 Vincent Wallace's Opera "Maritana."

11 Close down.

ALBANIA

Italians Again Heavily Repulsed

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The Greek reply to local attacks by Italian troops on the Albanian front yesterday was quick and drastic. The attacking detachments were all driven back and sustained heavy losses.

This claim was made in a Greek Press Ministry statement broadcast from the Athens radio to-night.

It was stated that the attacks were preceded in each case by a fairly heavy artillery barrage.

Company Wiped Out
ATHENS, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The Italian offensive action in the central sector of the Albanian front, supported by tanks and another minor action in the northern sector have been repulsed. Prisoners were taken and three tanks destroyed.

To-night's Greek High Command communique states that a company of attacking Italian forces was cut off and trapped in the converging fire of Greek automatic weapons and artillery, was completely wiped out.

As a result of successful operations, the Greeks captured a number of prisoners in the Acos Valley. All is quiet in the interior of the country.

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T.T. India 82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A. 24 1/2
T.T. Manila 48 1/2
T.T. Batavia 45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok 140 1/2
T.T. Saigon 104 1/2
T.T. France 102 1/2
T.T. Switzerland 102 1/2
T.T. Australia 1/8 1/2

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4 m/s L/C London 1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London 1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A. 25
4 m/s France 84 1/2
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U.S. Cross rate in London 4.02 1/2
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Control Of Food From Gt Britain

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).

From April 3 practically all foodstuffs will be subject to export licensing control to all destinations.

The chief exceptions will be wines, spirits, pickles, sauces and chutneys. New additions to the control list are made in a Board of Trade order to-day.

Concessions under which, with some exceptions, foodstuffs subject to export control may be exported without licence to the Crown Colonies and protectorates provided that an import licence has been obtained in the territory concerned, remain in force.

Ammunition Recovered

Detectives of the Shamshui Police Station under the leadership of Det-Sergeant Macpherson recovered a large quantity of ammunition of which over 14,000 rounds had recently been stolen from a pill box in the Tsun Wan area through audacious methods.

The boxes containing the ammunition were removed from the interior of the pill box through the small aperture of which the bars were seen through to allow the passage of a person. Altogether 12 boxes containing 1,248 rounds of ammunition, were stolen.

Once the theft was discovered detectives from Shamshui immediately set on the trail of the culprits and after strenuous inquiries and observations they recovered eight of the stolen boxes and arrested three men in the Tsimshatsui district.

Mr. Arzool of No. 520, Nathan Road, second floor, reports that during Tuesday night some person entered his house and stole cutlery, valued together at \$127.

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Police Recreation Club (twelfth donation) \$40
Members of the Equine Sports Club 100
Mr. M. C. (donation) 15
Indian and Chinese Police Guards (10th donation) 71.50
"Vincent" (donation) 25
"P.C.A." (sixth donation) 25
Treasury "China Box" (seventh donation) 3.20
The sum of \$15 has been received from the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club, being a donation in lieu of bounty to the following who are taking part in "The Simple Life": Mrs. A. Mackinlay, Miss Day Sage and Miss Joan Critchell.

Roosevelt Honoured

ATHENS, Mar. 19 (UP).—The Municipality to-day conferred an honorary citizenship on President Roosevelt and re-christened a thoroughfare, "Roosevelt Avenue."

ROPE CO. MAKES BIG PROFIT

Good Orders For 1941 Booked

A Statement of Accounts representing a greatly improved position on recent years was presented by the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, at the 67th yearly meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co. at the Offices of Messrs Shawman, Tomes & Co.

The Hon. Mr. Shields, Chairman, was supported by Mr. J. E. Bragg, Mr. S. T. Williamson, Mr. L. K. Koorle (alternate Director for Sir Elly Kadoorie), directors; Mr. F. J. Tanvares (Secretary); and Messrs F. Stafford Smith, I. W. Shewman, H. Dreyer, J. Dick and A. A. Botelho, (shareholders).

Mr. Shields said: "I am happy to address you to-day with a Statement of Accounts which is a great improvement on recent years."

Variations In Costs
The year's trading had not been without some anxiety owing to repercussions of the war such as variations cost of supplies, increased freight rates and the transfer of ships to other trades. Shipping is our mainstay and while we are indebted to most of our old buyers for their support during the past year, a reduction in tonnage in Far Eastern waters must obviously decrease their purchases of cordage. I have no wish to be gloomy about this but it must be borne in mind when considering the prospects for the current year.

I would add that this year the volume of orders booked has been very satisfactory and I hope it may continue.

Referring to the accounts you will note that for the first time a Profit and Loss Appropriation Account has been included in the interests of clarity.

Donation To Bomber Fund
Turning to the Profit and Loss Account I am sure you will approve the subscription of \$5,000 to the South China Morning Post War Fund (and in view of the results for 1940, will agree to a further contribution).

War Taxation based on the 1939 figures of \$11,021.50 is the amount paid in 1940 and we have made a Reserve of \$30,000 to cover the anticipated amount of tax payable on the account now before you.

There is little to refer to in the Balance Sheet. You will note that \$102,883.10 has been expended on additions to machinery. We will have some further additions this year which are part of our programme to balance our output and modernize some of our equipment.

Depreciation has been provided on the usual scale and your Board recommend that \$50,000 be written off the fund at Ma-tau-kok.

A bonus to staff and workers also appears in the proposed appropriation. This has been well earned and I am sure will meet with your approval.

Allocations
An you will see from the accounts the profit for the year ended December 31, 1940 is \$285,923.32 and with the balance brought forward from last account \$84,883.30, the amount available for appropriation is \$370,806.62 which your Directors recommend be dealt with as follows:

To write-off Land at Ma-tau-kok, Kowloon \$50,000.00
To place to Chinese Superannuation Fund 10,000.00
To pay a dividend of \$1 per share 200,000.00
To pay a bonus to

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"For my part, the 'Sari' belongs in the engineers—the way he's always makin' mountains outa molchills!"

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Chapter One
I dreamt I went to Manderley again, last night. I dreamt of Manderley, and saw the house once again in its great beauty—a thing of grace, exquisite and faultless. Its clean, grey stone mellowed by centuries, it looked down upon the bright gardens and trim velvet lawns which swept in terrace after terrace to the sea. Framed by the smooth grassland and magnificent trees, it surveyed the rich land which had been its own since Elizabeth reigned.

We can never go back there again. The past is still too close to us. But sometimes in my dreams I do go back to Manderley, and to the strange days of my life which began, for me, on the top of a cliff, in the south of France.
How different we are now, and how much time has passed since then! It is as though each of us can come to peace only after having endured the trial of fire and of our own particular devils, as we have. It is as though only in peace does each moment live its full, long life. He sits before me now, and his steady, well-shaped hands are peeling a tangerine in quiet, methodical fashion, and I remember him on the cliff's crest, in France. I knew then, that first moment, that he was in agony, was about to leave.

I saw him, from behind, and screamed; screamed lightly, to be able to at all, the moment seemed so desperate. He wheeled, and came away from the crest of the cliff.
Even then, in the light of day, his face was full of darkness and pain. There was light grey in his hair, giving his handsome face a lightness that must have been missing when he was young. He spoke gruffly to me, and I hastened away down the road to the hotel. A minute later he was driving up alongside, offering me a lift, which I refused. He drove away.
When I returned to the hotel (the Hotel de Paris, as I recall), I found Mrs Van Hopper in a particularly ugly mood and most bitter over the lack of well-known personalities at Monte Carlo. I was in the employ of Mrs Van Hopper, as a companion, and I suppose I endured her sloppiness and repulsive snobbery quite well. Not only was she my employer, but I was slight and very shy; she had few restraints before me.
After dinner, as we sat in the lobby, we saw him. I was terrified to see that Mrs Van Hopper knew him; with some effort, she mobilised herself for a gushing welcome. As he made his way across the room, he looked right through me. "Why, it's Max de Winter," she whispered, and immediately poured forth: "Mr de Winter! How do you do?" He seemed quite willing to avoid her, or us, but failed before her jabbering rush of talk. He was harpooned,

and also, apparently, somewhat piqued; to be rid of her, he made several incredibly insulting remarks, which she well deserved but of course did not notice. When he had left she told me that his place, Manderley, "Couldn't be beat for beauty," and that she had heard he couldn't get over the death of his wife, who had drowned while sailing. The next morning, she came down with influenza.

The days that came, quickly, after Mrs Van Hopper was taken ill, are to this day strangely without number. I can only remember how much I enjoyed them, and how much I came to life with them. I can remember that first morning, breakfasting without her, and suddenly with him when he commanded me to join him. Then, the long rides to the shore and to the cliffs, and the excuse of tennis lessons to Mrs Van Hopper, and how he spoke of Manderley, with a great and lonely love. On Mrs Van Hopper's last bed-ridden day, which was



Joan Fontaine and Laurence Olivier in the leading roles.

my own last day of freedom, we drove for hours.
We spoke sparsely, half-gay and half-depressed, until he asked to know what I was thinking.
"I'm thinking that you know everything there is to know about me," I said, "but that I know nothing more about you than I did the first day we met."
"And what was that?"
"That you own Manderley and that you had lost your wife."
The car's speed increased. He said nothing, somehow tensely.
"I wish I were a woman of thirty-six, dressed in black satin, with a string of pearls!" I blurted.
"You wouldn't be here with me if you were." Then, to answer my empty, hungry look, he went on: "I asked you to come with me because I wanted your company. You've blotted out the past for me far more than all the bright lights of Monte Carlo. But if you think I'm just being charitable or kind, leave the car now and find your own way home! Go on, open the door!" I repeat what I said: "either you go to America with

marry me, you little fool." I sat dazed, and feeling unreal, with my hands in my lap. "But you don't understand," I said. "I'm not the sort of person men marry."
"What on earth do you mean?"
"Well, I don't belong in your sort of world—in Manderley—for one thing."
"I'm the person to judge whether you belong there or not. Of course, if you don't love me, that's different. A fine blow to my conceit!"
"I do love you! I love you dreadfully. I've been miserable and I've been crying all morning because I thought I should never see you again."
He laughed, and gave me his hand. "Bless you for that," he said quietly. "All right then—it's settled."

I begged him to tell Mrs Van Hopper, whose restraint over fury and snobbish surprise, when she heard, was remarkable. She was quite brutal and vulgar toward me when he left the room, of course. That same day Maxim and I were married by the Mayor. We drove north to England, and to Manderley's great iron gates. Just as we were winding up the driveway—just before I first saw the magnificent house—it began to rain. The car was open, and my hair fell in wet wisps around my face. (To be continued to-morrow)

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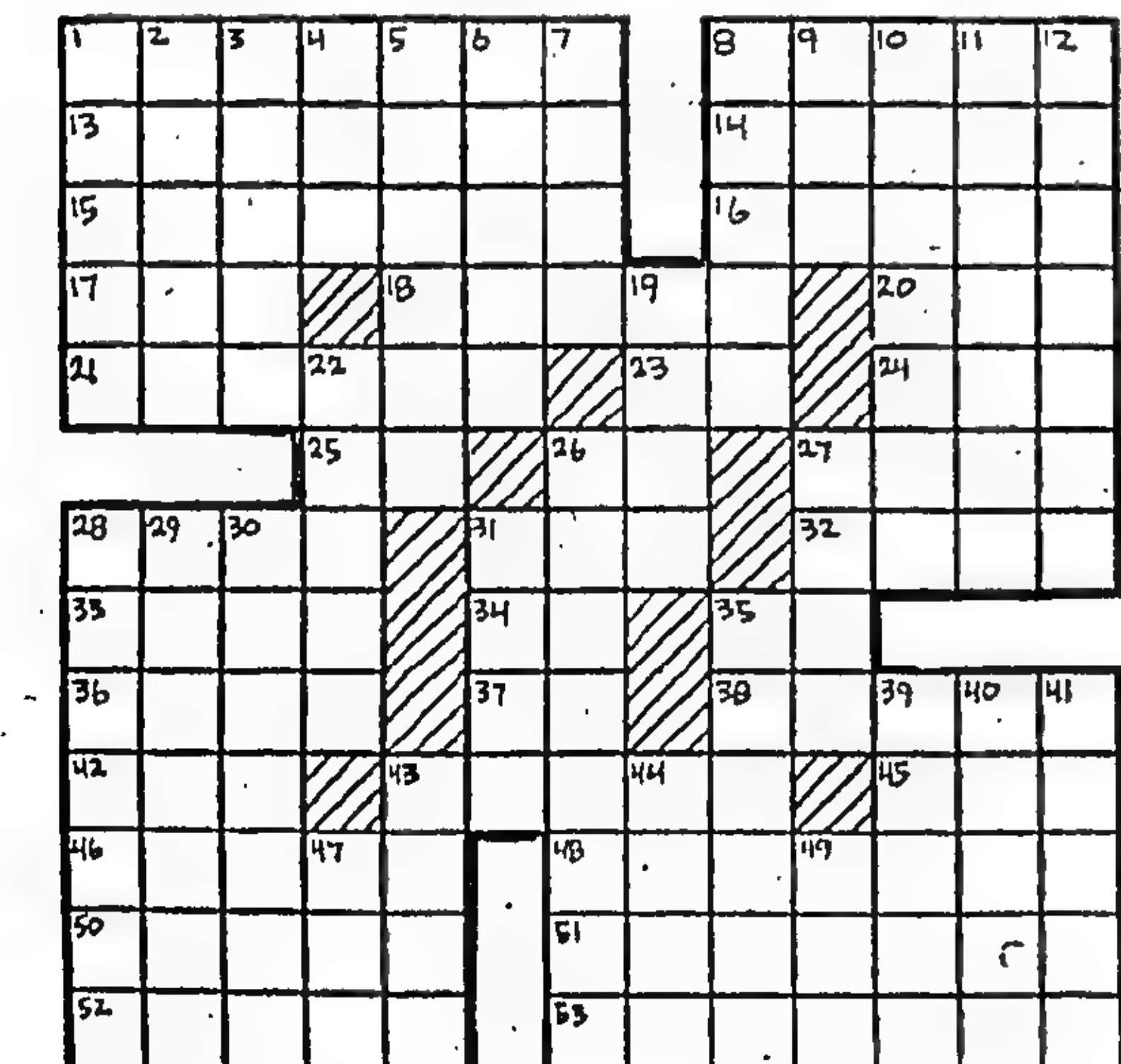
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- One who provides food or entertainment
- One cubic meter
- Conduct affairs of
- Told in front of
- Order of experience
- Feeble-minded
- Make mistake
- Small hallway
- Headgear
- Series of steps
- Plural suffix
- Native of origin
- Full sale (noun)
- Heavy work
- Expression of hearty assent
- Marked
- Free-travel
- Cozy place of abode
- In superiority to
- Inspire with fear
- Yiddish exclamation
- Intoxicant substances used in varieties
- Inside
- Holding device
- Afflict with venereal disease
- Something giving unusual pleasure
- For shame!
- Surviving instrument
- Compound found in gums

DOWN

- Arrive on equal terms
- Answer
- Earth
- Historical reckoning of years
- Place who act with violence
- Pertaining to English public school
- Violent separation
- Wife
- Discussed by exposure to sun
- Concise summary
- Tells
- Fundamental idea
- Scanned
- Pertaining to Latin cavity (Latin)
- Referring to New England
- West-Indian indigoberry
- Indian dollar
- Consider
- Couple
- Musical interval
- In flames
- Underground worker
- Explain before the law
- Business new agency
- Liberal name
- Threat
- Wager



Dutch Premier At White House

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP).—Dr van Kieffens, Premier of the exiled Netherlands Government, accompanied by Dr Louden the Netherlands Ambassador and Mr Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, today paid a visit to President Roosevelt at the White House.

Later, Dr van Kieffens said the conversations dealt broadly with world affairs and he praised President Roosevelt's direction of the Lend

Latham Confers

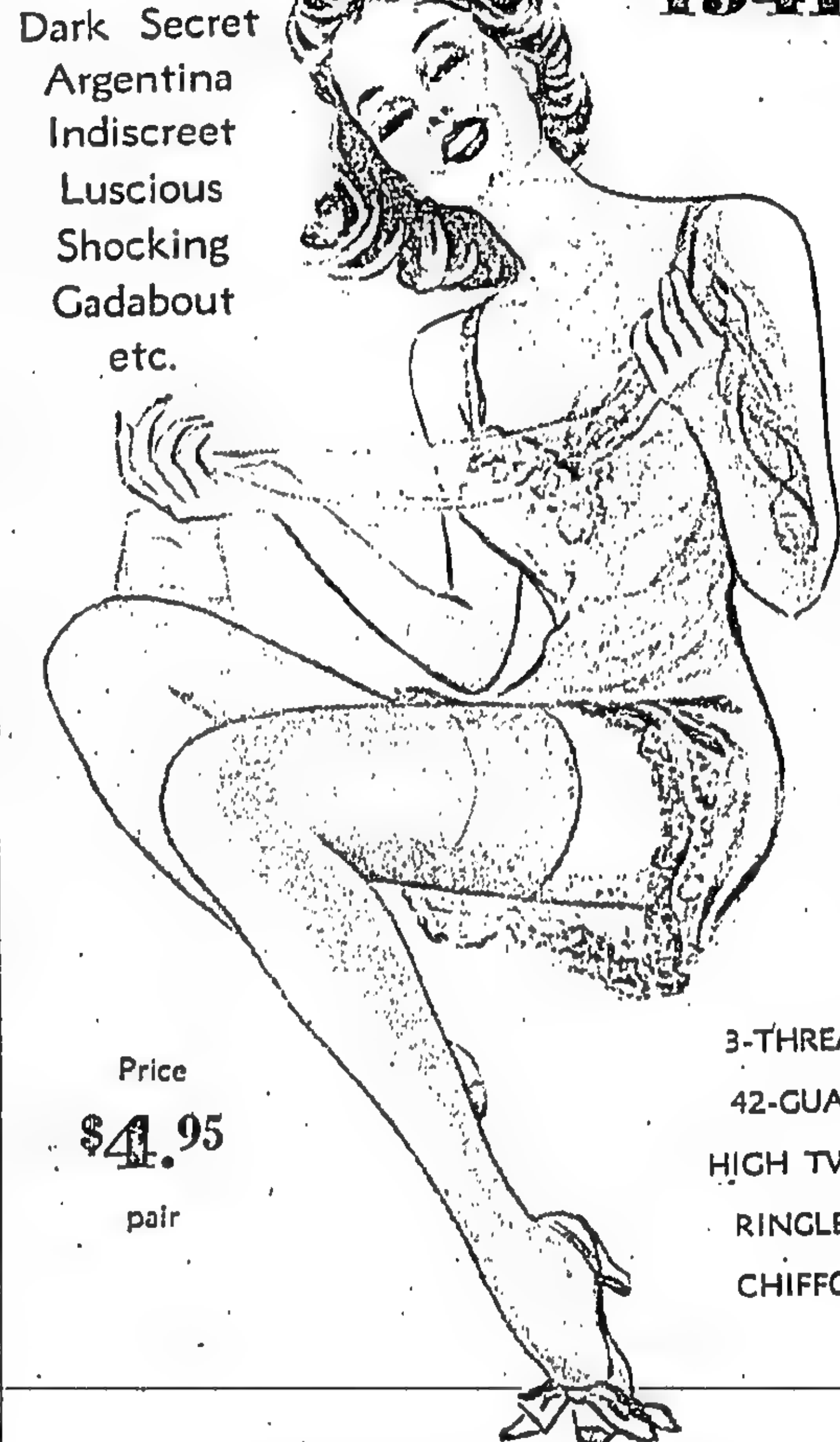
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Mar. 19 (Domet).—Sir John Grieg Latham, Australian Minister to Japan, visited the Foreign Office this afternoon to confer with Mr Churchill, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, for 15 minutes.

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M. Walter, the Dutch Minister of Colonies will accompany him on his trip to Batavia.

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ELECTRIC CHAIRMAN EXPLAINS HIGHER RATES & CAPITALISATION

The increased cost of coal was mentioned as the chief factor in the increase of rates when the 52nd ordinary yearly meeting of the Hongkong Electric Co. was held in the P. & O. Building this morning.

Mr L. J. Davies, (Chairman of Directors) presided, and was supported by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Mr E. Pearce, Hon. Mr S. H. Dodwell, Mr T. N. Chau, Hon. Mr J. J. Paterson, (Directors), Mr V. Sorby, (Manager), Mr G. G. N. Tinson, (Solicitor) and Mr F. L. Ball (representing Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd., Agents).

Shareholders were represented by Messrs J. A. Tarrant, A. McKellar, A. Morris, Capt. F. L. Brown, Messrs B. Wong Tape, Leung Fat-tin, Wong Chi Po, Fung Kong Un, Wong Ping Sun, Gibson Fahnestock, Ko Koon Fan, Chua Seng Choo, Lo Yuk Tong and A. D. Humphreys (acting for Mrs E. M. Gaskell).

The Chairman said:—The net profit after providing for Depreciation is \$2,200,186.91, a fall of nearly \$400,000 compared with the year 1939; with \$294,460.30 brought forward from 1939 we have \$2,494,647.21 for appropriation. On September 9 we paid an interim dividend of \$1 per share on the old shares which absorbed \$500,000 and with the balance we propose:

To pay a final dividend of \$1.20 on the old shares absorbing ..	\$726,000
To pay a dividend of \$1.10 on the new shares absorbing ..	\$336,000
To place to Reserve ..	\$500,000
Send to the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund a second Donation of ..	\$50,000
To carry forward to next account ..	\$584,647.30
Total ..	\$2,494,647.21

This, I hope, will meet with your approval.

Less In Dividends
You will note that the amount we propose to pay out in dividends is \$300,000 less than last year but you will observe that this is roughly the amount we have had to find for War Taxation. I feel sure you will approve the additional contribution to the Bomber Fund.

The carry forward is still very considerable but in view of the uncertain times through which we are passing I am convinced that a cautious policy is more desirable than ever before and I am confident shareholders will agree with this view.

The fall in profit on working is almost entirely due to the increased cost of freight on coal and to War Taxation, which are partially offset by increased sales of current.

Cost Of Coal
Coal cost us approximately \$7.60 per ton more than in 1939 and \$13.40 per ton more than in 1936. It is anticipated that during 1941 the average cost of coal compared with 1940 will show a further increase of about \$10 per ton.

In view of these huge increases in the cost of coal I feel sure that our consumers will consider the recently announced increased charges are reasonable; this is the first time in the history of the Company that it has been necessary to increase prices since the Company was inaugurated 52 years ago.

Charges to consumers have steadily fallen from the per-unit to 15c. per unit for light and from 20c. per unit to 6c. per unit for power. It is all the more regrettable that this increase should come at a time when the costs of living are rising, but your Directors felt that they had no alternative; I can only express the hope that the time will soon come when your Directors will be able to revise the rates in a more agreeable direction.

Donations And Taxation
Donations show a considerable increase—this is accounted for by the contribution to the Bomber Fund which was made last June.

War Taxation and Air Raid Precautions cost us \$265,161.41.

Depreciation at \$808,072 is the highest in the annals of the Company but it is computed on a scale which is recognised as fair and proper in the interests of both shareholders and sound finance, and I feel confident that no wise shareholder will desire to query it.

Bad Debts at \$812.46, though higher than in 1939 mainly due to unpaid accounts by enemy aliens, is very satisfactory when the size of our turnover is remembered.

On the Credit side interest shows an appreciable increase.

The Item Side of Property refers to No. 8 Queen's Road Central which was purchased in 1937 as a site for a sub-station, but when a buyer offered a more suitable site in Dudley Street at a lower cost we decided to purchase same and to dispose of the Queen's Road site which resulted in a profit.

Capital Expenditure
Turning to the Balance Sheet, Capital Expenditure during the year amounted to \$806,926.59; the principal items covered by this expenditure are the new feeder cables which were laid out of North Point Power Station, one new Generating Station Feeder Switch, Morrison Hill Sub-station and its equipment and a Mercury Vapour Rectifier which had become necessary to enable us to cope with the increasing requirements of our friends the Hongkong Tramways Limited.

The output from the Generating Station during 1940 was 78,385,102 units—an increase of over six million units, or more than 8%, compared with 1939.

Meters connected show a further increase of 1,087 to 50,843.

Orders From Britain
It may interest you to know that since the outbreak of the war our orders to Britain for materials and machinery have continued to be filled with regularity and efficiency and so far we have suffered only three losses due to enemy action, compared with the losses sustained during the war of 1914-1918 we are so far exceedingly fortunate; this is only one of the many debts we owe to the Royal Navy and the Mercantile Marine.

I now come to the proposed new issues of capital, details of which have appeared in the newspapers. As you all know the present satisfactory financial position of this Company is largely due to the careful and far-sighted policy of our predecessors but it is advisable to keep the issued Capital within a reasonable ratio of the intrinsic value of the undertaking. The share market values this Company at the present time at approximately 36 million dollars. Far be it from me to query the sagacity of the share market in this valuation, but let us be a little more conservative and for present purposes assess the value of our undertaking at say \$30,000,000.

Total Distribution
Assuming our proposed allocation of profits meets with your approval, our total distribution in the form of dividend for the year 1940 will be \$1,650,000 or 5.5% of a very conservative valuation of our undertaking.

The same distribution on the combined present and proposed new capital would be 11%.

In many cases of franchises granted in the United States 8% for "fair value" has been laid down as a reasonable return on the shareholders' investment, and in the case of a contemporary utility company in this Colony, Government has recognised the right of its shareholders to a dividend exceeding the percentage I mentioned previously.

I would also point out that the charges to our consumers are extremely reasonable and to any who attempt to query this I would refer them to similar undertakings which have an output approximately the same as ours in India, the Far East, and elsewhere. Those who take the trouble to do this will find that our rates compare more than favourably and it must not be forgotten that a portion of our coal has to be carried from Calcutta—a 3,000 mile haul—and the remainder comes from Hongkong—a 500 mile haul.

Capitalise 30 Lakhs
In order to bring the issued Capital more into line with the actual value of your Company, your Directors have decided, in the first place and subject to your approval, to capitalise the 30 lakhs which will be in Reserve if shareholders agree to the proposals I am going to submit to them in a few minutes.

As a second step we propose to offer to them 300,000 new shares at \$10 each in the proportion of one share for every three shares held on April 1 of this year.

We propose that the money realised by this call—say \$3,000,000—be remitted to London and invested in British Government Funds—by doing this we will do a little towards providing the ready money which is so much needed by H. M. Government in the light to ensure our safety.

At the same time this will provide a fund to draw upon on the termination of hostilities when we come to purchase extensions and replacements of plant which an undertaking such as ours must always be prepared to meet.

At the conclusion of this meeting there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting at which I will put the resolution which is necessary to implement the first of these proposals and I invite shareholders to remain seated until this has been done.

Pilot Officer Peers
I take this opportunity to place on record the Directors' appreciation of the services rendered by the Staff and Workmen during the year; in this connection some of you may be aware that one of our engineers, Mr W. E. Peers, who joined the R.A.F.V.R. when he was on leave in 1938, was called up for Active Service at the beginning of the war; since then he has been promoted to the rank of Pilot Officer and has made several bombing flights over Germany and Italy; I very much regret to say that his machine was seriously damaged over Germany on the night of January 15/16 last and he is now posted as "missing".

I now propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1940, be adopted and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions relating to the accounts for 1940 you may wish to ask.

Mr A. Morris
Seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr A. Morris said: "Mr Chairman, it has been a difficult year and I think the satisfactory results shown reflect great credit on all concerned."

In view of the increased operating costs I am sure shareholders will approve of the proposed final dividend and the allocation to Reserve of \$800,000.

I personally am very pleased to see that a second donation of \$50,000 be made to the Bomber Fund and I trust shareholders will unanimously approve this proposal. I venture to express the hope that this lead will be followed by other public Companies here for the duration of the War. I notice it is a common practice amongst some Shanghai public Companies to make similar contributions.

During present conditions it is wise to carry forward a substantial amount to current year's accounts.

I feel confident that shareholders will approve of the Board's proposal to capitalise the amount standing to Credit of Reserve Account and the issue of a further 300,000 shares at par.

Investing Proceeds
With regard to the Board's intention of investing proceeds from the latter issue in British Government securities, I am sure this will appeal to shareholders. I know from hard experience how difficult it is for private concerns to obtain from home renewals and replacement of plant and machinery during wartime, as of course Government contracts must have priority. It is therefore a wise and far-sighted policy to invest such funds in readily realisable securities and to be in a position to purchase up to date plant and so make up the time lag that is inseparable from war conditions.

I share your regret at the necessity for increasing charges to consumers but I am afraid this is inevitable. In view of the increased coal costs you have detailed I think consumers are fortunate the increases in charges are not greater.

With these few comments Sir, I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Re-Elections
Mr L. J. Davies, Mr T. N. Chau and the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow were re-elected Directors, on the motion of Capt. Brown seconded by Mr A. McKellar.

Messrs Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$3,000 on the motion of Mr Leung Fat-tin seconded by Mr B. Wong Tape.

At the extraordinary meeting which followed immediately after the proposals outlined by the Chairman above were approved.

Women Police To Tackle Social Evil

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\$685,218 as against \$543,545 being an increase of \$141,671 or 26%. The average for the last five years is \$527,530. The value of property recovered during the year was \$126,051 or 18% of the property stolen as against \$119,400 or 21% of the property stolen in 1939.

Minor Offences
The number of minor offences dealt with was 36,040 as compared with 40,555 in 1939, a decrease of 27%. This decrease is almost entirely due to a modification in the policy of dealing with hawking offences. These offences have in fact increased to such an extent that there are not sufficient police to deal with them, nor is there sufficient pool accommodation to receive all the offenders. Civil accommodation is insufficient even for more serious offenders, and special releases have to be made from time to time, so that offenders frequently do not serve their full sentences.

Summary of crime:—The total number of cases (excluding summonses) dealt with by the Police during 1939 was 47,844 as against 60,943 in 1938, a decrease of 13,099 or 21%.

There were 11,804 serious crimes in 1939 as against 11,388 in 1938, being an increase of 416 or 3.6%.

Serious Crimes
Total serious crime in 1934 was 5,549 and in that year the total C.I.D. (crime) Cantonese staff was 137. In 1939 the total serious crime was 11,804 an increase of 112 per cent. and total C.I.D. (crime) Cantonese staff was 172 and increase of 25% per cent. In 1934 the total European C.I.D. (crime) staff was 40 as against 42 in 1939, and increase of five per cent.

Mendicants
During the year a total of 1,728 mendicants were dealt with by the Deportation Office and sent away from the Colony. Of this number 385 were charged and convicted before the courts. The corresponding figures for 1938 are 2,529 and 715 respectively. The decrease in the number is partly due to the Japanese occupation of the frontier and the consequent difficulty of sending mendicants away. The Deportation Office dealt with 8,625 prisoners discharged in the Colony as against 8,660 in 1938; 125 persons were placed under police supervision orders as against 201 in 1938; 3,620 persons were deported from the Colony after serving a term of imprisonment as against 2,535 in 1938; 417 persons were sent away by order of the courts as against 824 in 1938; 55 persons were sent away under the Emergency Regulations as against 159 in 1938; 1,730 persons were sent on to their homes in China in transit from other parts of the world as against 1,184 in 1938.

Influx of Refugees
The continued influx of refugees during 1939 following on the earlier immigration experienced in 1937 and 1938 has produced most serious effects on the social and economic life of the Colony. Throughout the report it has been found necessary repeatedly to refer to "the influx of refugees." Some of the more obvious effects are an increase of serious crime, especially robbery (on land and in Colonial waters), larceny and of minor offences such as unlicensed hawking. Social evils such as prostitution, gambling and illicit opium and heroin divans have also been accentuated.

The outbreak of war between Great Britain and Germany on September 3 resulted in a great increase of the duties and responsibilities of the Police Force, particularly of the Special Branch. Police were called upon when war was declared to carry out the internment of certain male enemy aliens, and for a few days only, to guard the premises of enemy firms. Since then the work of the Special Branch, particularly the Passports, Alien Registration, and Defence Sections, has increased greatly, while a number of regular duty Police have been used in guarding certain essential services.

In view of the abnormal conditions prevailing in the Colony, the strength of the Force becomes of paramount importance. The position for 1940 is that there is a deficiency below the number required to man all beats and posts of approximately 30 men, and this deficiency is now magnified by the necessity of providing men for special duties due to the war and Sino-Japanese hostilities. It will therefore be necessary to ask that the Police Force should be further strengthened in 1941.

The salient features of 1939 were: (a) population increased by 111 per cent. (c) serious crime increased by 123 per cent. The number of police per 10,000 inhabitants decreased from 23 in 1931 to 12 in 1939.

Special Branch
The year was not marked by any serious anti-British activity on the part of communists. Anti-Japanese feeling remained strong but latent.

RAID ON LONDON

Attack And Defence Of Lively Tempo

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—An earlier alert than for some time was sounded in the London area to-night and almost immediately afterwards gunfire was heard.

It was early evident that London was to be the German main objective for the night's raids. As the planes flew over the capital together, the drone of engines was very loud, indicating either low-flying or a larger number of aircraft than are usually operated over the capital at one time.

After a lively start, the attack gradually grew snarling. Gunfire was extremely heavy and one observer considered it the most intensive this year.

Flashes lit the sky in increasing numbers. Houses in more than one area were hit by high explosive bombs and rescue squads rushed to release people trapped beneath the wreckage.

Raid On Hull
Hull, Mar. 19 (UP).—A German bomb wrecked a shelter in which the sole survivor was a year old baby. Throughout the town, at least 50 persons were killed and many injured and made homeless. Considerable damage was done over a wide area, houses, shops, two cinemas being demolished.

Another northeast coast town was bombed last night for several hours setting at dust and heavy casualties are feared. Two large fires were started.

Raids Ease Off
LONDON, Mar. 20 (UP).—The raids eased during the early morning hours with rescuers making efforts to dig out people trapped in the wreckage of houses in several London areas, and also an apartment house which was hit with high explosives.

In one area bombs dropped about every 20 minutes.

Several were killed and others injured in a London hostelry which was partially wrecked.

A cottage was destroyed when a bomb fell in the garden.

Cautioned For Assault

An Irishman's celebration of St. Patrick's Day on March 17, had a sequel at the Central Magistrate's this morning when J. Thompson, 41, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry with assaulting Male, a watchman employed by the "China Mail" at Windsor House. Thompson admitted the charge.

Detective Sergeant W. Summers said that Defendant had been celebrating St. Patrick's Day and was passing Windsor House on Monday night when he entered and tried to go up stairs. The watchman attempted to prevent him, and Defendant pushed him. The man fell down the stairs and sustained injuries for which he was detained in hospital.

Complainant had since left hospital but was not yet fit to resume work. Defendant was cautioned and ordered to pay \$20 compensation to the watchman.

Indian Watchman On Charge Of Murder

Bawa Singh, 65, described as a private watchman, was remanded for a week by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistrate's today on a charge of having murdered a woman in Kowloon on March 3.

Defendant was originally on a charge of wounding or causing grievous bodily harm to the woman, Li Fong, with intent to murder her, but this was subsequently amended to a murder charge.

Detective Inspector A. E. Carey is in charge of the case.

Gamblers In Court

Fines aggregating over \$1,000 were imposed on 63 men on gaming charges before Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistrate's this morning as the result of a raid led by Det. Sub-Inspector Goodwin at No. 12, Main Street, Stanley, yesterday, and \$11.20 cents found on the tables was given to the poor box.

A number of new guilds and labour associations were formed during the year, and together with older guilds, were active in collecting subscriptions for Chinese war relief and Chinese national welfare. Three small strikes occurred during the year.

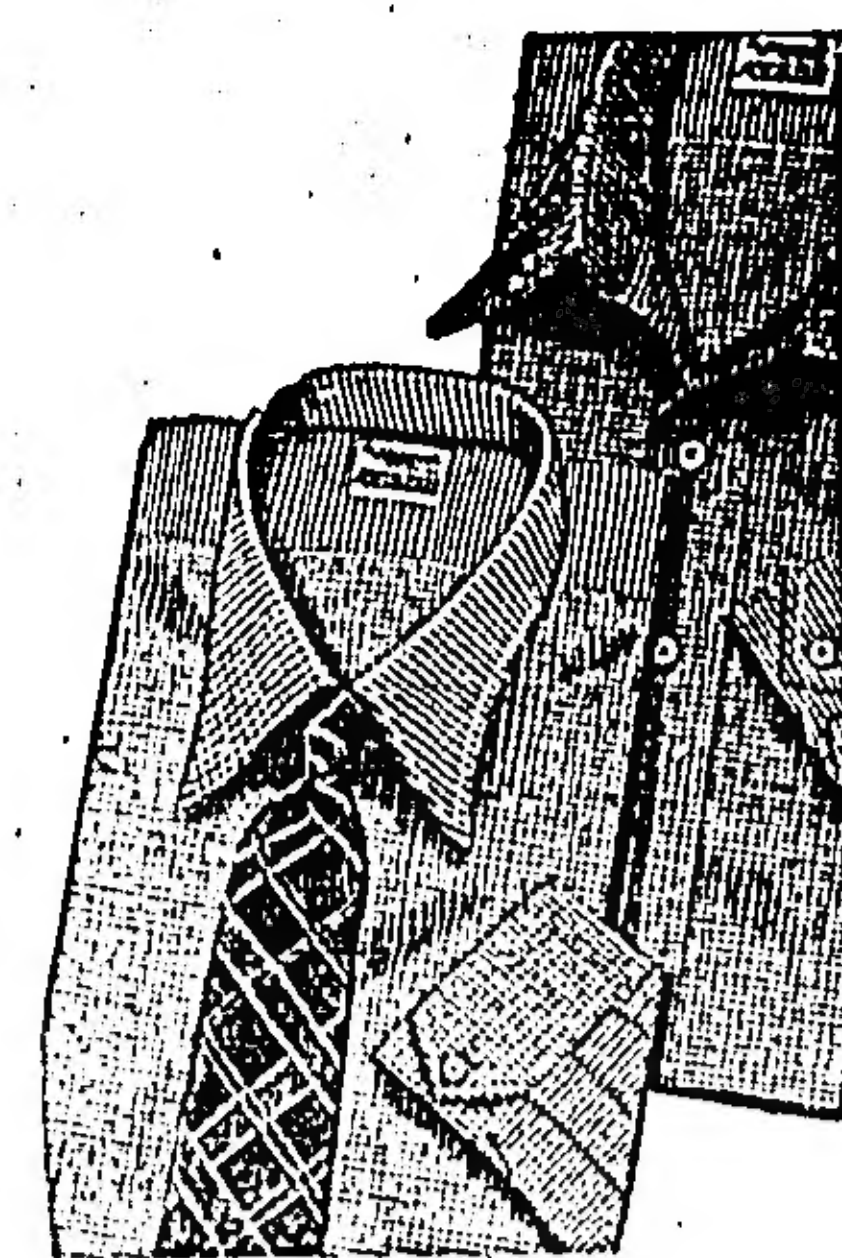
During the year there were 42 persons of various nationalities, other than Chinese, put before the court for the following offences:—Breach of Passports Ordinance (including 2 cases of possession of false passports) 33; stayaways 7; vagrant 1; returning from banishment 1. Full passport examination service was instituted on April 1.

There were 6,280 aliens registered. 4,221 registered aliens left the Colony. 51 aliens became British subjects by naturalization; 10 persons (Portuguese subjects) renounced British nationality and were registered as aliens. There were 31 convictions for breach of the Registration of Persons Ordinance No. 12 of 1939. On December 31 there were 4,340 registered aliens in the Colony.

On the declaration of war there were 202 enemy aliens in the Colony, including 117 of military age. Of this number 80 were provisionally interned, and 101 served with restriction orders under the Defence Regulations, 1939. Following consideration of individual cases the position on December 31 was 23 interned and 167 subjected to restrictions.

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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes Most Important Position

Centre-halves May Make Or Break A Team's Combination

Two Fundamental Duties

THE TWO CHIEF DUTIES of a centre-half are to mark the opposing centre-forward closely, and, in attack, to follow up his own forwards and keep them well fed with passes.

Nothing that has happened in hockey during the last twenty years has done anything to minimise the importance of these two rules. If he fails in either, the whole side is liable to go to pieces; hence the tremendous responsibility that rests on him and makes his the most important position on the field.

Either of these duties alone would not be difficult to perform, but the execution and combination of both makes play in this position a fascinating problem, in fact an art.

With a task of this magnitude, it is clear that a player in this position must be one of rather exceptional skill in certain directions; chiefly, perhaps, in the use of his stick.

He should be master of all strokes; he should be able to hit accurately and quickly to either left or right, for from the forwards' point of view it is a matter of inches that makes all the difference; he should be master of the flick shot; be able to intercept short range passes on either side, and be able to get rid of the ball to advantage whenever he feels it on the end of his stick.

Needles To Despair

THIS sounds a lot, and too idealistic, but there is no need for youngsters to ever despair of reaching this state of efficiency, for it is surprising how quickly improvement is made when constant practice is possible.

For stick practice, one might find it useful to run with two balls, swerving right and left but always keeping them under control. This gives confidence, but proficiency of stickwork should never encourage a centre-half to indulge in dribbling or any fancy play.

A second requirement of a centre-half is stamina. It is by no means impossible for him, even in the fastest of games, to keep up with the forwards or dart back into defence, provided he knows what he should do, and what he should leave to others. If he is uncertain in the use of his stick and fails in interception, or if the same is true of the wing-halves, then the running about is tremendously increased, and becomes almost impossible.

His movements and positioning make an interesting study, but practice and experience will result in efficiency.

Guiding Principles

IN a brief article it is only possible to state one of the two guiding principles that should be helpful. Assuming that the opposing forwards keep to their positions, that is, do not crowd their centre-forward, there should be no occasions for the centre-half to tackle either of these inside forwards, except in the last resort—when a shot at goal is imminent. It is the full backs' duty to deal with these two. The centre-half should never allow himself to be lured out of place to chase an inside-forward, though if the latter offers the ball or works his way into the centre, then there is no reason why he should not take him up.

The Chief Aim

THIS does not mean that the pivot is not always on the look-out to intercept passes or clearances intended for the inside forwards; he will often get the ball this way, but when once the inside has the ball under control, the centre-half should run by the shortest route to get between him and his centre-forward.

His aim should always be between the opposing centre-forward and the ball—this is much easier than trying to take it off him.

If the centre-forward wanders out on to the wing, it is quite safe to leave him for he will have to come back to the centre before he can become dangerous.

Sphere Of Activity

Forwards interchange positions in approaching your circle, it is always best to mark the man opposite you in your position, and allow the full back to meet the attack if it comes from the inside positions.

It is clear then that the centre-half's sphere of activity is limited to a strip in the middle of the field, and if he does not stray outside this zone he should be able to be both up and back when the occasion arises.

It is, of course, necessary to have an understanding with the full-backs whom he will frequently expect to advance to meet and attack while he, himself, is dropping back.

Defence Of The Circle

IN defence, near the circle, there will have to be a considerable amount of elasticity in these rules—a willingness on the part of all to give confidence, but proficiency of stickwork should never encourage a centre-half to indulge in dribbling or any fancy play.

A second requirement of a centre-half is stamina. It is by no means impossible for him, even in the fastest of games, to keep up with the forwards or dart back into defence, provided he knows what he should do, and what he should leave to others. If he is uncertain in the use of his stick and fails in interception, or if the same is true of the wing-halves, then the running about is tremendously increased, and becomes almost impossible.

Important Maxims

THERE is, however, one occasion when a pass to a wing forward is both easy and effective; it is when there is congestion near the opposing goal-mouth, and the ball comes out to the centre-half—a few yards outside the circle. If the wingers move in rapidly, a quick pass to them might result in a shot at goal. In conclusion, there are three important maxims for the centre-half. These are: (a) Strive to become really proficient in the use of the stick; (b) Seek to attain absolute physical fitness, and; (c) Be content with controlling your own part of the field, aiming at soundness rather than spectacular play.

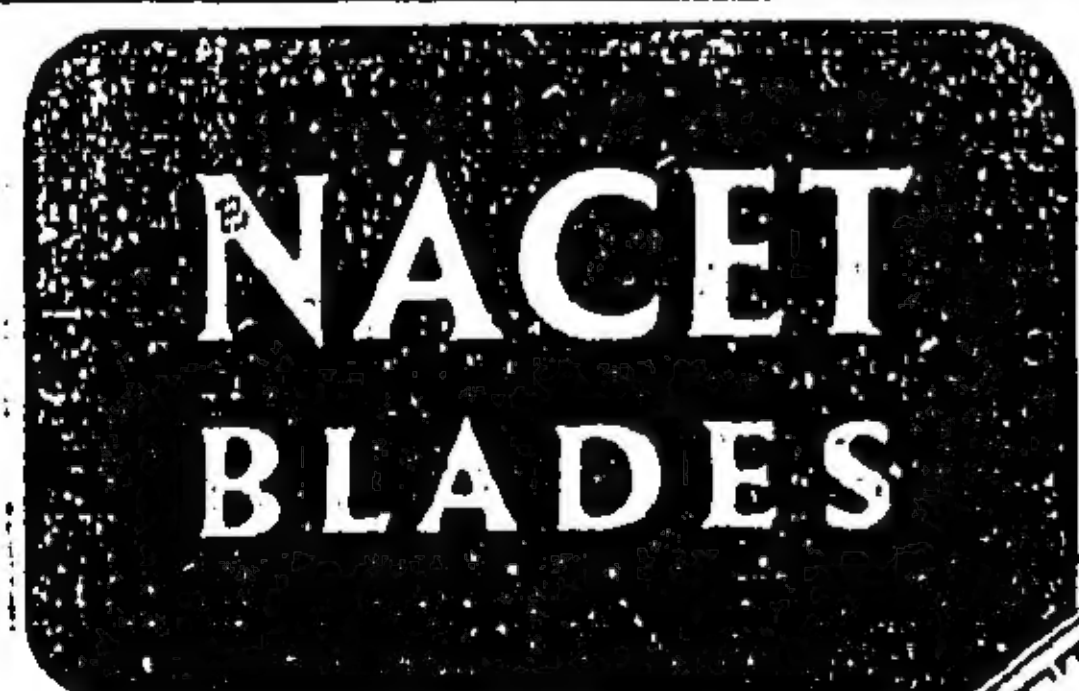
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Small Units Sports

Sgt Manfield Runs 220 Yards In 22 Seconds

A BRILLIANT SPRINT over 220 yards (though the distance was later found to be two yards short) by Sergeant Manfield (R.A.F.) was the outstanding feature of the Small Units Athletic meeting held on the Army ground, Gascoigne Road, yesterday. His time was 22 seconds.

Object of the meeting was to select a team to represent the Combined Small Units in the Hongkong Area championships, and in this several fine athletes have been discovered. Sgt Manfield also covered the 100 yards in 10.4 secs, while Sgt Lewis ran the mile in 6 mins 25 secs, and won the 3 miles in 18 mins 20 secs. In the field, Sgt Bennett won the high jump at 5 ft 1 in and took first place in the discus throw with 78 ft 11 1/2 ins.

The invitation mile team relay for four runners was won by Middlesex A from Middlesex B, with a brilliant finish. La Salle College coming fourth to Middlesex B.

Results

100 Yards Sprint—1. Sgt Manfield (R.A.F.); 2. Sgt Bennett (R.A.F.); 3. Dvr Brown (R.A.S.C.); 4. Sgt Bennett (R.A.F.). Time 10.4 secs.
200 Yards Sprint—1. Sgt Manfield (R.A.F.); 2. Dvr Brown (R.A.S.C.); 3. Sgt Bennett (R.A.F.). Time 22 secs.
300 Yards Sprint—1. Sgt Manfield (R.A.F.); 2. Dvr Brown (R.A.S.C.); 3. Sgt Bennett (R.A.F.). Time 33 secs.
400 Yards Sprint—1. Sgt Manfield (R.A.F.); 2. Dvr Brown (R.A.S.C.); 3. Sgt Bennett (R.A.F.). Time 44 secs.
500 Yards Sprint—1. Sgt Manfield (R.A.F.); 2. Dvr Brown (R.A.S.C.); 3. Sgt Bennett (R.A.F.). Time 55 secs.
600 Yards Sprint—1. Sgt Manfield (R.A.F.); 2. Dvr Brown (R.A.S.C.); 3. Sgt Bennett (R.A.F.). Time 66 secs.
700 Yards Sprint—1. Sgt Manfield (R.A.F.); 2. Dvr Brown (R.A.S.C.); 3. Sgt Bennett (R.A.F.). Time 77 secs.
800 Yards Sprint—1. Sgt Manfield (R.A.F.); 2. Dvr Brown (R.A.S.C.); 3. Sgt Bennett (R.A.F.). Time 88 secs.
900 Yards Sprint—1. Sgt Manfield (R.A.F.); 2. Dvr Brown (R.A.S.C.); 3. Sgt Bennett (R.A.F.). Time 99 secs.
1000 Yards Sprint—1. Sgt Manfield (R.A.F.); 2. Dvr Brown (R.A.S.C.); 3. Sgt Bennett (R.A.F.). Time 110 secs.

L.T.A. Meeting

The annual meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association will take place at the Hongkong Cricket Club on March 29, at 5.30 p.m.

Quadrangular Tourney

British Army Defeat Indian Army 3-1 At Shumshuipo

AFTER A FAST and most interesting match, the British Army defeated the Indian Army 3-1 at Shumshuipo on Tuesday last in one of the best games played in the Tournament this season.

The Indians began in great style and for fully ten minutes showed a marked superiority in all departments. But Lofly Dove, in goal for the Britishers, rose to the occasion with some well-timed clearances.

In as many minutes, however, the British Army took up the offensive and from a free hit just outside the circle, Croston scored with a terrific drive.

Following this, Shaw and Hitchcock were seen in a pretty movement, the latter sending Sheehan through to increase the lead with a nice cross-shot. The British Army were two goals ahead at the interval. They had much the better of the play in this half, and their speed and excellent understanding gave the Indians many anxious moments.

Accident

AFTER the change of ends, an unfortunate accident occurred. Hitchcock, who was playing brilliantly at centre-forward, received a nasty crack on the hand which necessitated his changing places with Singleton on the left wing.

He was a passenger for the rest of the game, and it was discovered later that two bones in his left hand were fractured.

Due to these changes, the Indian Army had more of the game territorially, but the finishing of their forwards lacked thrust, and promising movements seldom looked dangerous.

In a breakaway, however, Croston scored the best goal of the match from a most difficult angle to increase the British lead to 3-0. Then the Indian Army pulled out a little better pace, and although they were apt to starve their right wing, they had most of the game from then onwards. With no letting up, and with the Britishers on the defensive, Anant All eventually reduced the deficit with a fine hard shot.

Individuals

SHAW, inside-left, gave an excellent display of inside forward play. Sheehan, inside-right, constantly found his way through the defence, and proved extremely elusive. Crowley, Croston and Waidron formed a brilliant half-back

South China Take League Honours For Third Year

Brilliant Forwards Gain Deserved 4-2 Victory Over Police

(By "SCRAMBLER")

EASTERN BADE FAREWELL to their Senior League aspirations yesterday at Caroline Hill when South China in their final league game of the season inflicted a decisive win by four goals to two over Police, thereby becoming the 1940/41 league Champions, and incidentally completing their "hat-trick."

Although beaten, the Police played a very fine game, especially in the first half, when they more than held their own. The score at this period was nil, and it was only in the second period of the game that they succumbed to superior tactical play. On the whole, South China gave a more polished display, and thoroughly deserved the honours.

The whole of the South China team came up to scratch, and each player pulled his weight at the right moment. There was hardly a weak link in their line up, and though Lee Wai-tong was not given very much scope, he made openings galore for his forwards. The wingers made excellent use of their speed, and winged across beautiful passes, and the goals scored were primarily from passes by Lee Shek-yau.

The inside-men, Chan Tak-fai and Chow Man-chi were seen to excellent advantage in their foraging, and between the two of them they bagged the four goals. Chan Tak-fai being a great opportunist, whereas Chow Man-chi was a great schemer and worried the Police defence not a little.

South China's defence were always on top, and with the exception of the first half, they had the mastery over the bustling Police forwards. The intermediate trio were sound and combined well with their front men, Lam Tak-po's role of a third back was exploited to good advantage. The pair of backs were always steady and cleared in grand style, there being very little to choose between the two.

Both goal-keepers were in the picture with many timely saves, and Tam Kwan-hon earlier in the game turned Moss' scorching for a corner. Tansy Wint held his own between the sticks, and the goals scored were not to his discredit.

Sound Defence

The Police defence were just as sound, but were overworked in the second half when South China made good use of their wingers, with the result that their wing halves were unable to cope with the situations presented. Gough paid for too much attention to Lee Wai-tong, so much so that the Chinese inside-men were not very much molested.

Blackburn played up well, his clearing and tackling very often had South China at a standstill. His partner, Chan Kwong-yu was a great help, and though they found themselves beaten, they can rest content with the knowledge that they lost to a very much better team.

In attack, the Police forwards were not so sound. Wong Man-kwai was not a very steady leader, but their inside-men, Howlett and Ferrier were great triers, often going through on their own to threaten Tam Kwan-

hon's charge. Both wingers put in their share of work, and Gordon was not himself in the second half when he took the field, the far he received in a collision with Tee Kam-hung in the first half was evidently having ill effects on him. There was not the same co-ordination in their attack as was evidenced in the Chinese.

The Play

With the exception of the first few minutes of the game, South China were not very much superior to their opponents. The game was very evenly contested in the first half with both defences standing out. Tam Kwan-hon saved nicely from Moss and Tsang Wing had no difficulty in clearing Chow Man-chi's weak attempt at goal. Lee Wai-tong when well placed raced through only to stumble on the ball.

With a goalless score sheet, South China took up the attack in the second period, and a pass by Lee Shek-yau was accepted by Chan Tak-fai, and although worried by three Police defenders, he was able to place the ball into the corner of the net with Tsang Wing unsighted.

This goal put new vigour into South China's attack and they kept up pressure. Chan Tak-fai again scored when he went through off a pass from Lee Shek-yau. The Police were on the defensive during this period, and only the sterling work put in by their defenders staved off further scoring. However, Chow Man-chi was sent away on the left and his parting shot was held by Tsang Wing; the referee ruled that the ball had passed the line and awarded a further goal to South China.

Thereafter South China slackened up, and after Chan Tak-fai scored their fourth goal, Police went to the attack with persistence, and were rewarded when Howlett broke through to reduce the arrears. Soon after Ferrier reduced the arrears still further when he beat Tam Kwan-hon with a well placed shot. From then onward the Police were trying their hardest to obtain goals, and South China were keeping them out with great success. The forwards had several attempts at goal, but Tsang Wing was equal to the occasion.

SOUTH CHINA: Tam Kwan-hon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tee Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choy, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Chow Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.

POLICE: Tsang Wing; Blackburn, Chan Kwong-yu; Pope, Gough, North; Gordon, Howlett, Wong Man-kwai, Ferrier, Moss.

Tournament Tennis

Ho Ka-lau Defeated By K. H. Yip

K. H. YIP, tennis champion of the South China A.A., produced what to some was the first surprise of the Colony tennis championships when he eliminated Ho Ka-lau 6-1, 6-1 in the matches at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday.

Yip's courtship and steady accuracy that gained him his Club honours were much in evidence yesterday. He is a player who gives promise of going a long way in the tournament.

Paul Kong, veteran Davis Cup player, showed he has lost little of his old style when, partnered with Fung Yee-pui, he beat F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling in two straight sets. His volleying was particularly fine to watch.

George Choa, one of the most promising of the younger players but who has been absent from the courts for some time, made a return in partnership with A. V. Remedios, and easily accounted for A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong in two straight sets.

Results were: Singles—K. H. Yip beat Ho Ka-lau 6-1, 6-1. Doubles—Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui beat F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling 6-4, 6-2. G. Choa and A. V. Remedios beat A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong 6-2, 6-1. E. H. Agostini beat Fong O-lam and Lee Kam-ming 6-2, 6-0. O. M. Deane and A. T. Low received a walk-over from W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell. Club Handicap—T. C. Monaghan beat P. Wynter-Blyth 6-3, 6-3.

Badminton Walk-Over

Kowloon Tong received a walk over from Police in the B Division of the Badminton League last night when the visitors failed to field a team.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc. The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure. PUBLIC ENCLOSURE The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax for all Persons, including Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price. By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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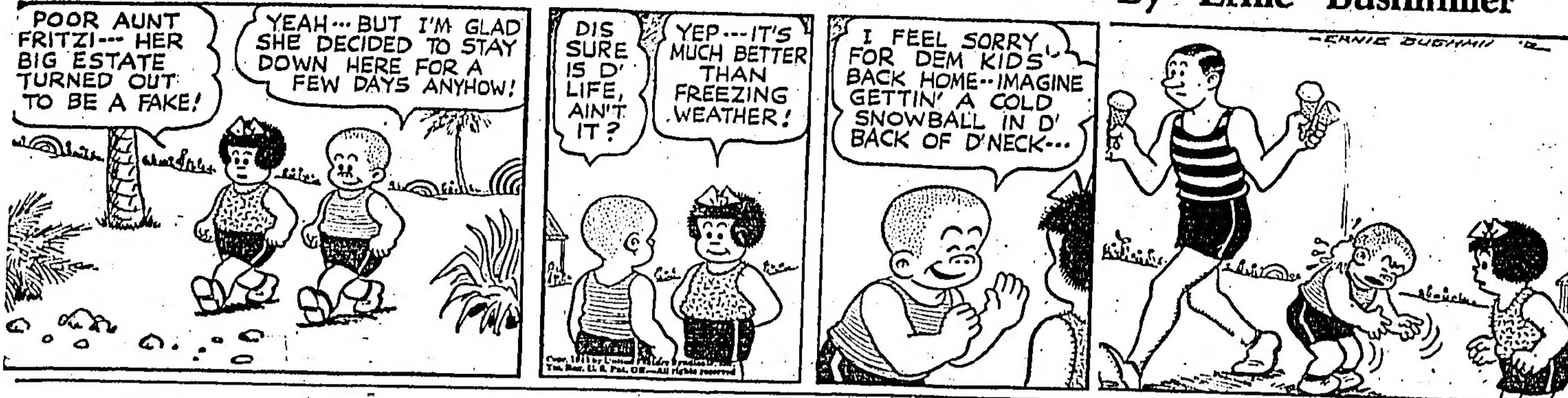
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JAPAN'S PARTIES N.S.A. Appeals To Industry

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, March 19 (Domei).—The National Service Association made a definite bid for accelerating the control of key industries along the lines of wartime economy when a joint conference of the Government, the Association and civilian representatives was held to-day.

Present at the meeting were Count Raimu Arima, Director-General, and Mr. Taduyoshi Kobata, Director of the Planning Bureau, of the N.S.A., officials of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Planning Board, Mr. Hachisaburo Hirose, President of the Japan Iron Manufacturing Company, and Mr. Yoshiaki Hattai, Chairman of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

An informal resolution was taken by the conference urging the managers of important industries to co-operate with the National Service Association in promoting the control of various industrial branches, renovating enterprising systems, and organizing the entire economy into an organic whole.

Ex-Party Leaders
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, March 19 (Domei).—Four former leaders of defunct political parties, Mr. Chuji Machida, Minister-President, Mr. Fumonosuke Kihara, head of the "orthodox" Seiyukai, Mr. Chikuhel Nakajima, chief of the "reformist" Seiyukai, and Mr. Kenzo Adachi, president of the Kokumin Domei, all Cabinet Counsellors, this afternoon met at the Premier's residence to discuss the question of reforming the National Service Association.

BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP).—The House has passed the seven billion dollar aid bill.

Sampan Racket Disclosed

Victimization of passengers traveling on sampans from ship to shore was revealed in the Marine Court this morning, after four sampan mistresses had been found guilty of concealing their sampan licence numbers while in the Western Anchorage yesterday.

They were ordered to pay \$7 or undergo seven days imprisonment by Comdr. T. C. Sullivan.

Sergeant L. Haynes said that various reports had been made to the Police recently by passengers who said that when the sampans were between the ship and the shore, a demand was made for more money than the fee agreed upon. Threats to throw the passengers overboard were made if they did not pay up. The sampans could not be traced as they had their licence numbers concealed.

Finland's Hero

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Field Marshal Baron Gustaf Mannerheim, a virtual founder of modern Finland, who commanded the Finnish forces against Russia in 1939, became ill some days ago, states a Helsinki dispatch to Berlin.

He is 73.

Boris Taken For A Ride By Germans

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—King Boris of Bulgaria has been participating in the military exercises of German armoured divisions, according to a Bulgarian news agency.

King Boris also took part in the operations of German air squadrons to-day when he was accompanied by his brother, Prince Cyril, and the Bulgarian Minister for War, General Denkov.

King Boris is known for his interest in railway engines.

MEXICO EXPROPRIATION

—Unsettled
LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Questions regarding Mexico were put to Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day.

Having stated that hitherto no suggestion for a fair and equitable settlement was made by the Mexican Government, Mr. Butler was further asked: "When is this unfortunate affair expected to be settled?"

Mr. Butler replied: "When a suggestion is made to us for a fair and equitable settlement."

Questions obviously referred to the expropriation of foreign oil companies' properties.

Germans & Soviets Draw The Line

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The present negotiations between Germany and Soviet Russia are concerned with boundary adjustments, said a German Foreign Office spokesman to-day.

He added that the visit of the Soviet Ambassador to the Wilhelmstrasse to-day was a matter of usual routine.

Two-Ocean Navy Getting Under Way

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The Senate Appropriations Committee to-day unanimously approved the \$3,447,000,000 bill to help finance America's two-ocean navy.

The bill, which provides for the construction of six new-type battle cruisers, has passed the House of Representatives and the Senate begins its consideration to-morrow.

Lease And Lend Act
WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives has passed the bill appropriating £1,750,000,000 for the purposes of the Lease and Lend Act.

The voting in favour of the appropriation was 380 to 35.

BRITAIN JOINS WITH HOLLAND

Lord Simon And Prince Bernhard

LONDON, Mar. 19 (British Wire-lead).—Proposing the toast of Princess Juliana and the Royal Family of the Netherlands at the Royal Empire Society luncheon to-day, Lord Simon paid an eloquent tribute to the devotion to the cause of freedom displayed by the Dutch peoples from the earliest times.

"History scarcely provides a parallel to the treachery with which, under cover of friendship, Hitler first introduced his agents into the Netherlands and then overwhelmed her with assaults from within and without."

"It will be enough if I mention one episode from the story of that tragic campaign: the murder from the air of the helpless civilian population of Rotterdam."

"As long as there are free men alive in the world, that crime will remain an indelible stain on the pages of history. One day the Germans will learn what free and brave men have always known—that you cannot destroy a nation or bend it to your will by murdering its people and setting fire to its cities."

Future Ties
Replying, Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands made a touching reference to the loyalty of the British peoples rallied round the Crown and ready to stake all for victory of the principles on which the British Empire was built.

"Our close community of interest, centuries old, has grown since we joined arms against the common enemy. Many great responsibilities we share and I believe that the influence of our present brotherhood in arms may reach far beyond the war issue of the moment. It is my heartfelt wish that the close ties of friendship and co-operation which now link Great Britain and the Netherlands may always be maintained."

Matsuoka's Visit: Rome Comment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Mar. 19 (UP).—A front page editorial in the "Popolo di Roma" commenting on the visit of Mr. Matsuoka, hints that the Axis may influence Japan to examine the possibility of peace with Chungking.

It says that if the United States sends help to China, the Japanese will sink the ships. The paper also declared that Mr. Matsuoka's trip is connected with Washington's "warlike" attitude.

Communal Clash

DACCA, INDIA, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Nine were killed and 87 were wounded in communal clashes arising from a quarrel which led to arson.

The Police fired on a mob attempting to set fire to a shop and wounded nine.

Strike Settled

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Mar. 20 (UP).—The International Settlement buses and trams were functioning to-day after the bus drivers had returned to work last night following a walkout lasting several hours. Simultaneously there was a strike of bus and tram drivers in the French Concession, and they are still on strike this morning.

Notice To Mariners

A Notice to Mariners issued by the Harbour Department yesterday states that the Batav Banks Light Buoy on the north west coast of North Borneo is adrift, and that the light is still flashing. The former position of the buoy is lat. 6 degrees 10' N., long. 115 degrees 5' E. (Approx.).

Piecemeal Reduction Of Keren Proceeds

CAIRO, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Further important positions south of Keren have been captured and Italian counter-attacks have again been repulsed with serious Italian losses, says a communiqué.

The situation is developing favourably. Pressure by patriot forces is developing against Debra Marcos in Abyssinia.

Announcing the occupation of Jijiga, the report adds: "In other sectors, our general advance is proceeding."

R.A.F. Support
CAIRO, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The activity of the R.A.F. supporting military operations in Abyssinia and Somaliland continued unabated yesterday, says an R.A.F. communiqué.

Troops around Keren were bombed and machine-gunned.

Italian Affairs In House

Ethiopia & Albania

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day said that the British Government naturally condemned the Italian Army's taking hostages. Some 200 Greeks and 250 Albanians in the Epirus and southern Albania, including leading citizens, priests, women and children and old men, were marched to concentration camps.

No Request Made

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Dealing with Italian non-combatants in Abyssinia, Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons to-day recalled that an Italian request for safe conduct was the prerequisite for British action and no such request had been made.

Carol Sends For Luggage

MADRID, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Luggage and four dogs belonging to ex-King Carol and Madame Lupescu which they left behind at Seville when they escaped to Portugal, are being collected by the Portuguese Count de Mofra who has arrived at Seville from Lisbon.

The Count is also settling Carol's outstanding accounts. He first had an interview with the Chief of the Seville Police.

Mr Roosevelt Takes A Rest

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt is to-day leaving on a brief holiday.

He is embarking on the yacht "Plover" at an unnamed port in Florida. The yacht will be escorted by two destroyers.

All details of the trip are being kept secret.

New Chief Scout

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Lord Somers, who recently succeeded Lord Baden-Powell as Chief Scout of Great Britain, is now appointed Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth.

U.S. Warships Will Visit Brisbane

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CANBERRA, Mar. 19 (UP).—The Acting Prime Minister, Mr. A. W. Fadden, said that the United States squadron will also visit Brisbane for three days following the visit to Sydney.

Mr. Fadden paid tribute to the United States for the passage of the Lend and Lease bill and declared, "Australia will go on unflinchingly and untriedly with the valiant company of American people."

Col Nnox's Sympathies
WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Commenting on the "training cruise" of four United States cruisers and nine destroyers to Australia and New Zealand ports, Colonel Nnox said that the United States was "very closely in touch with Australia and greatly in sympathy with her aspirations."

With the exception of those whose movements have already been publicised, there were no more United States naval vessels in the South Pacific, he added.

Those in the Antipodes would return shortly to Honolulu.

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European Police Faces Charges

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insisted but with a slight stagger to his room which was on the third floor.

Mr. Remedios: Will you please tell the court the exact position of car No. 8225 when you first saw it.

Sergeant Sykes: The car was diagonally across the road with the bonnet pointing up the hill. The car was in the left centre of the road.

Did you assist in shifting the car?

Yes.

How far did you remove the car?

Sergeant Gullid was at the wheel and I told him to reverse, the object being to get the car to the left hand side of the road and not to obstruct it. Something appeared to be wrong with the gears, and the car went forward.

Was the engine working?—Yes.

Continuing, Sergeant Sykes said that Defendant then got out of the car and Sergeant Himsley took the wheel and steered while they pushed it back to its original position in the left centre of the road.

The engine was eventually restarted by Defendant who put the car into reverse and took the car under its own power to the left side.

Mr. Remedios: During these operations Sergeant Gullid obeyed your instructions?

Sergeant Sykes: He obeyed them after a certain amount of hesitation. The hearing was adjourned to noon on Monday.

America To Supply Small Naval Craft

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which was made during the past three or four days.

Colonel Knox declined to elaborate the statement beyond the fact that the request had been made.

Colonel Knox also announced that the United States Navy's first aid to Britain would be to supply light vessels such as submarine chasers, motor torpedo boats and other vessels of "mosquito" type.

Mediation Board
WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (UP).—President Roosevelt today named the new eleven-men Mediation Board which will appoint a Chairman from the three members representing the public. Four will represent labour and four will represent management.

Members for the public are: Clarence A. Dylstra; William H. Davis; and Frank P. Graham, President of the University of North Carolina.

For the employees: George Maany, General Secretary of the American Federation of Labour; George Garrison, Philip Murray and Thomas Kennedy.

For the employers: Walter C. Teague, Roger D. Lamham, Eugene Meyers and Cyrus Ching, Vice President of the United States Rubber Company.

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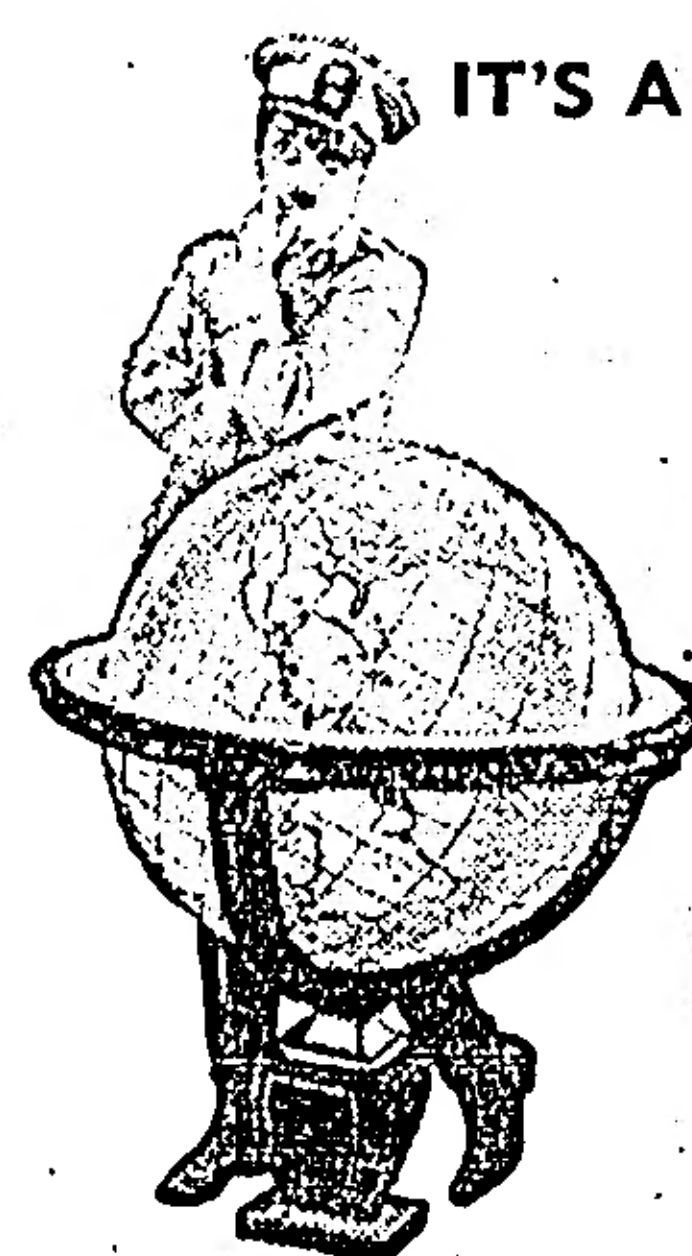
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